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A SORRY STORY

HERE in Britain our Government has never admitted to more than a routine interest in UFO reports purely from the practical standpoint of national defence, and has never conceded that any kind of permanent office or department was maintained for the study of the UFO Phenomenon *per se.*

In France, matters have however been very different. So long ago as February 21, 1974 (as we reported at length in FSR Vol. 20, No. 2, issued in October 1974) a serving French Minister of Defence, Monsieur Robert Galley, admitted in a radio broadcast on the *France-Inter* channel that the French authorities were well aware of the challenge of the UFO problem, and had already been taking a keen interest in it for a good many years past. Subsequently it became a matter of common knowledge that France had GEPAN (Groupement pour étudier les Phénomènes Aérospatiaux Nonidentifiés), a government-sponsored scientific team set up within the framework of the French Space Agency CNES (Centre National des Etudes Spatiaux), and the function of GEPAN has avowedly been to pursue the systematic study of the UFO Phenomenon. And, as Dr. J. Allen Hynek has recently pointed out, France is so far the only country to have *officially* undertaken such a project.

In the days when Dr. Claude Poher was in charge of GEPAN, we had the impression that our French opposite-numbers, the civilian members of LDLN and the other French UFO investigation groups, were well satisfied with the situation, and that they were even receiving valuable collaboration from GEPAN. Dr. Poher is however no longer with GEPAN, and we have seen indications in recent years that a great change had come about. The tone of Monsieur F. Lagarde's latest Editorial in *Lumières dans la Nuit* (No. 215-216, May-June 1982) seems to show that our estimate of the situation has been correct.

Monsieur Lagarde's article reveals feelings of extreme frustration and disappointment. We in Britain have never had an officially recognised British counterpart of GEPAN to deal with, and this has meant that none of us has ever placed any extravagant hopes in any governmental department, or ever viewed any of them or their statements other than with the most complete scepticism. Nevertheless since we are all well acquainted with the stonewalling tactics of the Ministry of Defence and the Armed Services over the course of the last thirty five years, we think our readers will be interested to read a translation of Monsieur Lagarde's exasperated outburst. We can certainly say that we all know exactly how he feels!

The article by Monsieur Lagarde, taken from *Lumières dans la Nuit,* will be found on the following page.

A WARNING TO ALL

F. Lagarde

Monsieur Fernand Lagarde is editor of the esteemed French journal *Lumières dans la Nuit,* and his contribution that follows is his editorial leader of LDLN for May-June 1982. Translation from French by Gordon Creighton.

I HAD hitherto kept silent, despite numerous warnings from various quarters. Being, as I suppose I am, basically honest and indeed somewhat naive into the bargain, I had persistently relied upon the authorities of our country, including GEPAN, to keep us (at least in those cases where we had asked them to do so) informed about UFO sightings that were already known to us and on which we ourselves had already taken part in the investigations.

But today I can no longer be silent. I am constrained to record the fact that, like so many other investigators, I find my requests for information blocked absolutely, from start to finish. The replies they give us are various, and all of them are sufficiently revealing, such as, for example:-

— "The document in question is not available."
— "The report is held up."
— "We can't tell you anything."
— "We have no information."
— "Enquiries are not yet completed."
— "We have our orders."

And, moreover, if our investigator arrives on the trail after certain officials have been that way, he hears the eyewitness say: "I have been forbidden to talk about it." We all know of course **WHO** has done the forbidding.

On the other hand, if you are hoping to receive a few snippets of reports in exchange for the valuable documents which you have supplied to officialdom in furtherance of their investigations — documents that have cost you money, and have cost you effort, then you will be disappointed, of that we can assure you. You will receive nothing for all your labours. They have no objection to taking from you. But they don't like giving anything in exchange. **The "Collaboration" is strictly one-way only.**

A new era has now begun. The Open Door Policy that began a few years ago, and that had given us grounds for hoping that it would lead to some fruitful collaboration, is well and truly over. We have now to face the fact that a lid, the lid marked **secret,** has come down on all official research. Sighting reports likely to be of interest to us no longer find their way to us. All that they give us now, from time to time, are reports of no possible interest whatsoever, that is to say, reports of cases wherein the eyewitness may possibly have been mistaken. We are already familiar enough with this technique, which had its beginnings in the USA, and today we are seeing, here in France, the same sort of attempt to stifle all information about the UFO Phenomenon.

This Policy of silence proves two things, at any rate:-

(1) It proves that something truly strange is indeed happening — something that THEY don't want the public to know about, and something that Science is incapable of explaining.

(2) It proves that every possible means is being employed to ensure that all those who devote themselves to the study of the UFO Phenomenon are cut off from all reports of any value. This is probably being done in order to squeeze them out, in the hope that they will finally get tired and will pack up and disappear, and leave the field free for the misinformation and brainwashing tactics of officialdom.

I have no idea who is responsible for all this, or to what length they will go with this stupid "scorched earth policy" of theirs, but it is becoming ever more clear that in fact we can no longer rely on anyone but ourselves, on our own efforts, on our own reporting network, and that, more than ever before, we are going to have to protect as much as we possibly can the anonymity of those few officials who do continue to supply us with information.

We must not get discouraged, though, for freedom of expression still exists. Let us show these Masters of Silence that we are quite capable of getting along without any collaboration from them, and that we know perfectly well how to do so.

So, let us bend to the task, and redouble our efforts, if we want to be correctly informed about this UFO enigma, this greatest mystery of all times and all ages, with which mankind finds itself today confronted.

THE RETURN OF THE "CYCLOPES"?

Gordon Creighton

INVESTIGATORS Chionetti and Agostinelli of the Argentinian UFO Investigation Group CEFANC (Buenos Aires) report that they have made an on-the-spot probe of a curious encounter case said to have occurred in the early hours of June 14, 1980, at the house of a rural blacksmith living somewhere near the town of Libertad in the Departmento of San José, some 90 kilometres north-west of Montevideo, Capital of the Republic of Uruguay.

The protagonist in the story, 63-year old Juan Froche Jiaciola, a married man with two children, was in bed listening to the radio when his wife, who was dozing beside him, was aroused by sounds from outside the building. At first she was not much concerned at the noise, for they had some Charqui (Sun-dried beef) hanging out there, and they knew that it often attracted animals. Juan Froche however got out of bed, put on the bedroom light and then went to the kitchen and switched on the powerful overhead light outside over the front door. Then he went to the dining room and peered out through the window on the left side of the door.

Two strange-looking tall young people, as they seemed to him, were standing out there, looking up with what seemed to be curiosity at the light which he had just turned on. Their faces, he thought, seemed well proportioned, indeed "extremely beautiful." One of them appeared to be a male and the other a female. They looked to him to be about 16 or 17 years old, but unusually tall. Their hair was short and curly and very black, and the skin of their faces and their hands was pale, and he thought their necks maybe a little longer and thinner than is normal. The two beings resembled each other closely "... as though they were brother and sister." And they were clad in matt, leaden-grey, closely-fitting garments from wrists to neck, so closely-fitting indeed that, as he subsequently told the investigators: "They looked as if they were naked, and the clothing was *painted* on." He also remarked: "It could have been a very fine short downy sort of *hair*, like the hair of a cat."

He said the musculature of both persons was more developed than the normal. The female was very curvaceous as befitted her sex, and he said the nipples of her breasts showed very clearly. He said she "looked very good!"

But now I come to the most extraordinary part of Froche's story. He said that on their foreheads, both beings bore what looked like a big deep red cicatrized wound running up vertically from between the eyes to as far as the hair line. This mark was about a centimetre wide, like an old healed wound "... as though they had been operated on." (This would have pleased old "Lobsang Rampa," the recently deceased son of a plumber from Plympton, Devon, who achieved notoriety for his stories about Tibet, and about operations performed there on the "Third Eye" in the forehead to stimulate the development of psychic powers!)

The male being had now come right up to the front door, which was not locked. He pushed it open and put a hand round it. Froche struggled to close the door, and grabbed the back of the intruding hand instantly feeling the whole of his own hand (the left) "terribly burned, as though by fire." This heat effect was instantaneous and he had no time for judging the feel of texture or solidity of the intruding hand. At last he managed to slam the door shut. The curious thing, he said, was that after that they seemed maybe "satisfied that they had burnt me," for they showed no further desire to get in, and were soon gone.

Señora Ana Parodi de Froche told the investigators that she had remained in bed, waiting for her husband to drive off the animals from the dried meat, when suddenly she heard him shouting: "No! No! You shan't come in here!" and then she heard the door slam. She got out of bed and ran out to the front door, to find her husband doubled up with pain, with his left hand under the armpit of the right arm. "Those chaps were trying to get in here and rob us!" he yelled. She examined his left hand and found it covered with vivid red stab-like spots. Then she peered out round the door, but found nobody there.

They spent a sleepless night and then went next day to the Police, who sent them on to the local hospital. There the hand was examined by Dr. Ramón Nuñez, who told the press: "I looked at the hand. He had a series of light burns distributed over the palm of the left hand. Evidently this had been caused by contact with something very hot, but the condition was not serious."

The two Argentinian investigators reported that, by the time they got to see Sr. Froche, two months later (having heard his story reported in an Uruguayan TV programme on current local events, *Monica Reporting...* on June 19, 1980) the wounds were healing, but were still visible. They counted a total of 42 of the marks. The photograph taken by Enrique Bianco which accompanies the CEFANC report shows the dark stab-like or pricked marks very clearly indeed, distributed at random over the hand.

In conclusion the CEFANC investigators report that they find it impossible to conclude whether this case is genuine or not, and they offer it without comment to their readers' judgement. For, as they explain, they have heard confidentially from an Uruguayan UFO Study group (no names given) that Dr. Ramón

Nuñez is Froche's own family doctor. He therefore knows the man well and he says Froche has in the past displayed "certain tendencies to hallucination," when complaining to the doctor about imaginary swellings in his armpits which the doctor said he himself was unable to find. The doctor had concluded that Froche (who is right-handed) had probably inflicted the wounds upon himself. The CEFANC investigators add that an experienced Police officer in the San José area, who had participated in the preliminary questioning of Froche at the Police Station, described the wounds as looking "like the results of a hot metal tube-shaped like a soft-drink straw being pressed into the palm of the hand."

Froche also showed the investigators some holes in the ground some 80 metres from his house. There has been a lot of dispute about these holes, as the Uruguayan ufologists maintain that a journalist had visited Froche some three or four months before the dissemination of his story about the two entities, and that on that occasion Froche had said nothing to the journalist about the two entities. Froche however explained that this was because he had found the marks *before* the date of his close encounter with the entities.

Another point of dispute concerns Froche's claim that on the night of his close encounter his electricity meter showed that he had used 600 kilowatts in that single night — more than he used in a whole month normally. He explained this by saying the entities had stolen the electricity. But the CEFANC investigators say their contacts in Montevideo looked into this and found the claim unfounded, as Froche had no unusual consumption of energy that night.

Froche said that after that night, there had been a very strange and unidentifiable smell in his smithy, which is in the ground floor of the building. When the CEFANC investigators were there, it was no longer detectable, but they admit that the other investigators from Montevideo told them that when they had visited Froche they too had smelt it and were unable to identify it.

In conclusion the CEFANC investigators admit however that Froche's story has been coherent and consistent throughout, and agrees with what he had told other investigators and reporters.

In the light of the scores and scores of UFO reports from all over the world which I have read, in at least a dozen languages over the past 34 years, I can only say that the Froche story strikes me as far more likely to be genuine than not. For one thing, it has all the usual absurdity and "pointlessness." So I think we ought to put it on record.

For it so happens that we do already have an extremely similar case reported to have occurred at Torrent, near Santo Tomé in the nearby Argentinian Province of Corrientes, in the first week of February 1965, when tall "Martians," nearly two metres high, and *"each having only one eye, in the centre of the forehead,"* entered a farmhouse and tried to seize a man but were driven off. On February 6 however, they returned and were seen by many people, and once again they tried to catch a man and failed. He escaped and gave the alarm, and the villagers turned out in strength and fired their shotguns at the "Martians" — though seemingly without inflicting any damage on these.

This case at Torrent is No. 41 in my article, "The Humanoids in Latin America," which forms part of the larger compilation, *The Humanoids*, first published by FSR in 1966 and subsequently re-issued, first as a hard-cover book and then as a paperback.

Let us now return to our 1980 South American "Cyclopes" with their "one eye" in the middle of the forehead. The Argentinian Province of Corrientes lies due north of the home of blacksmith Froche, and the two areas are not too far apart if one judges the matter on the continental scale of South America.

Were I a betting man — to use one of my favourite phrases — I think I would be inclined to view the strange tale of Señor Juan Froche Jiaciola as very likely true. I doubt whether we need pay too much attention to the views of Dr. Ramón Nuñez, who is extremely unlikely to have an expert knowledge of the UFO problem — and what, pray, does a doctor stand more in need of when he finds a UFO victim in his consulting room?

What would a country blacksmith have to gain by

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It is a matter of some interest that this Uruguayan CE-III is reported to have occurred on June 14, 1980. That date was also notable for the rocket launching of Cosmos 1188 from the Cosmodrome at Plesetsk in the Soviet Union which, due to lack of information among the Soviet public in general, and Soviet ufologists in particular, was misidentified as a UFO (see Dr.Teerikorpi's article in FSR Vol. 27 No. 6). It is understood that the launch vehicle's trajectory took it over Argentina (and adjoining countries?). At the time of this vehicle's passage over Russia, there were reports of landings of small craft with, allegedly, sightings of humanoid entities. Was it purely by coincidence that there was also this CE-III in Uruguay, just across the river from Buenos Aires? If there are visitations, or projections, controlled by alien interlopers, devilish deceivers, or what-have-you, are some of the visitations timed to coincide with spectacular man-made heavenly displays; inner space coverings-up distracting our attention from the true purpose behind the landings — whatever that can be? EDITOR

EXTRATERRESTRIAL DWARVES ATTACK FARM WORKER

Violent encounter near Serra do Mouro, Santa Catarina, Brazil.

Dr. Walter Buhler, M.D.

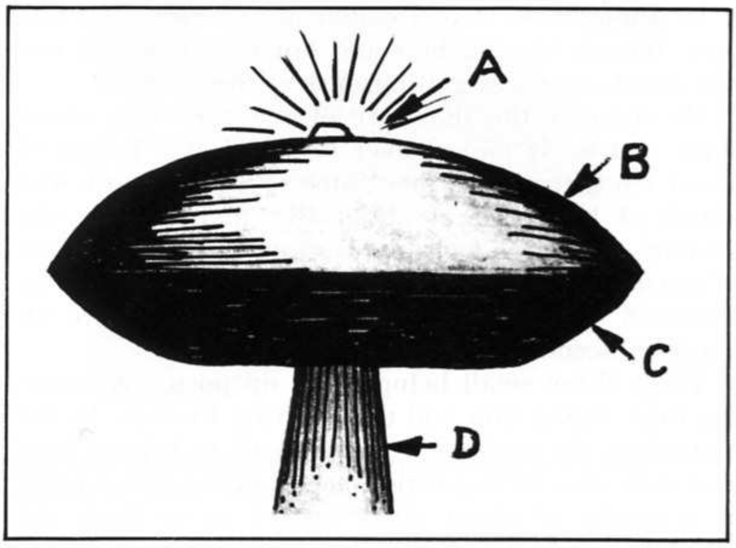
Translation by Gordon Creighton from Portuguese text in SBEDV Bulletin No. 136/145 (September 1981 — April 1982), Rio de Janeiro.

IN SBEDV Bulletin No. 116/120 (July 1977-February 1978) I reported the case of Paulo Coutinho and his meeting with extraterrestrial dwarves[1] at Pirassununga, (State of São Paulo). Some time later Sr. Coutinho informed me of another and similar case, also involving dwarves, which took place on September 3, 1976, near Serra do Mouro, Novo Trento, in the district of Brusque, in the South Brazilian State of-Santa Catarina.

He reported that a lady of his acquaintance who knows of our UFO investigation work with the SBEDV, and takes an interest in it, had advised him of the case. She added that fuller details might be secured from a Sr. Airton Bestiani, resident at No. 145, rua São Leopoldo, Bairro São Luiz, Brusque, S.C. The following account is based on information furnished by Sr. Airton Bestiani and by a number of other persons and, of course, by the man who experienced the encounter with the entities.

At the time when we received the first report of the case I was about to take a trip abroad and was consequently unable to conduct the enquiry myself. I therefore asked Sr. Marcelino Edmundo Claudino to do it on my behalf, and he did so, together with Clênio Tadeu Paz who, like him,is a member of the Santa Catarina UFO Investigation Group.

Sr. Marcelino Edmundo Claudino has been known to us since his own sighting in 1975, when he and three companions saw and photographed two UFOs near Lages in Santa Catarina.



Sketch of the craft by Investigator Marcelino Claudino
A. Upper light, red or changing.
B. Upper part — rotating.
C. Lower part — stationary.
D. Red shaft of light.
B & C contradict the text; we assume the drawings are correct.

The investigation

Sr. Marcelino Claudino made two trips to interview the witness. The first time, on November 29, 1977, he failed to see the witness, as the latter had married and moved to another district. However, he did manage to see the man's mother, who had helped to restore and comfort her son immediately after his experience, and she supplied a detailed account of what happened.

On his second trip, Sr. Claudino was more fortunate, and he was able to interview the witness and get a full account from him. This was duly reported to us in a letter dated May 7, 1979 from Sr. Claudino.

The encounter

The witness, Sr. João Romeu Klein,[2] a farm worker, was 19 years old at the time of the event on September 3, 1976. The affair took place at a spot only some 400 metres from his mother's house. He was just returning home from a visit to a friend, and the time was about 7.00 p.m.

He suddenly observed a disc-shaped object in the

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dishing up a bogus story of this sort? And why does he select as his model for the story a very little known, and long-forgotten, set of rather similar events involving "creatures with a central eye" which happened so much as seventeen years ago?

sky, approaching from the South. The object seemed to consist of two parts, which he has described as follows:—

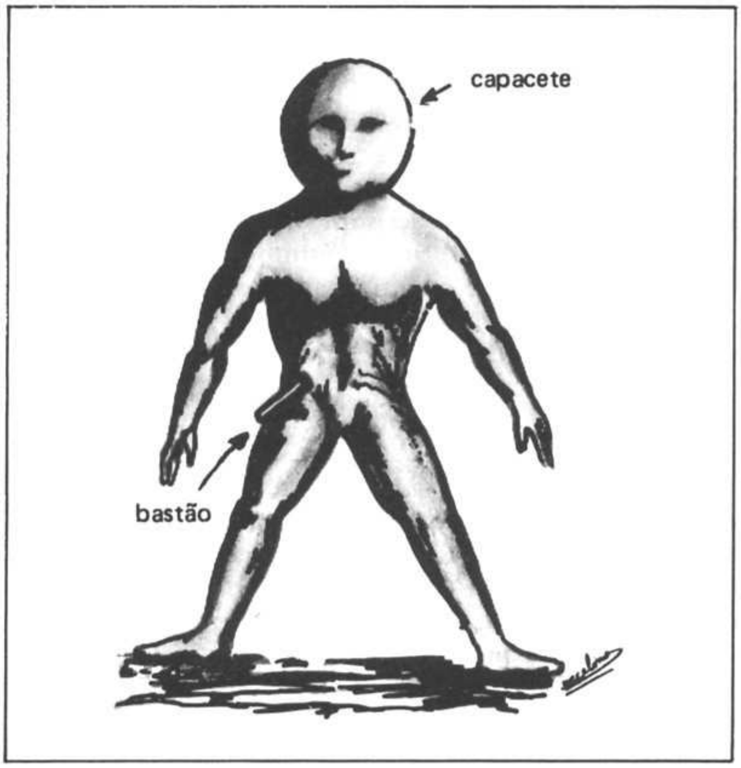
a) A lower part, shaped like a deep bowl, which, as he looked up at it from below, was slowly rotating in anti-clockwise fashion.

b) An upper part, which was more flattened, bearing on its summit a light that appeared to vary, according to the speed of the craft, from red (high speed) through orange, then yellow, and then pale green. Finally, when the craft was practically stationary, this light became white, and grew less bright.

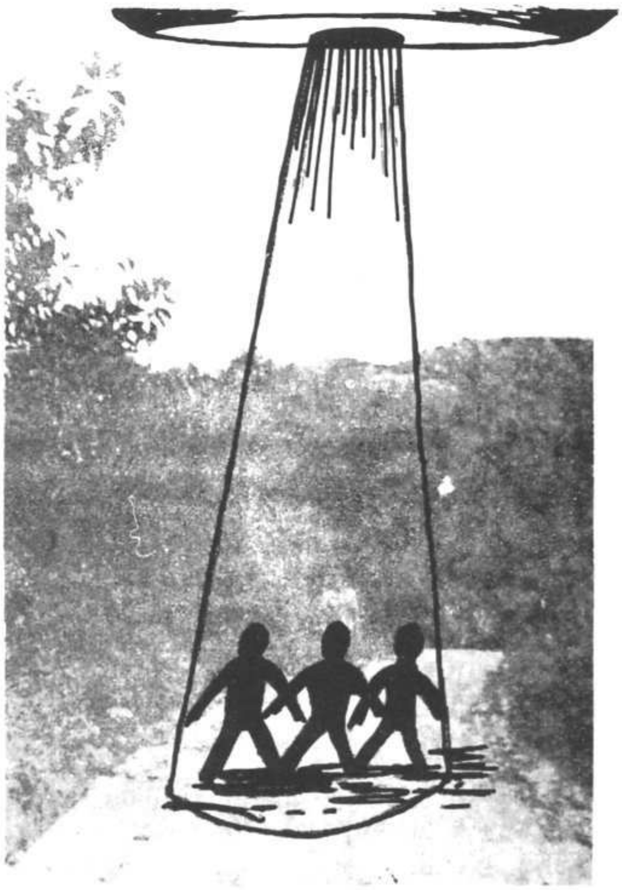
He thought the actual colour of the craft itself was grey, though he said he could not be categorical on this point, as it was getting dark at the time.

He thought the diameter of the craft was about three metres. It passed over his head at a height of about ten metres, and then came to a halt a little way ahead of him, and at about five metres from the ground, projecting from the centre of its base a beam of intense red light. Within this beam of red light he observed three small beings about one metre in height descending slowly.

These three small beings took up positions across the road, facing him and thus barring his way. In the meantime, the craft itself moved back to behind him, and took up a fresh position near a grove of trees and at a height of about eight metres or so from the ground.



Sketch of entity by M. Claudino showing the globular helmet (capacete) and the weapon carried on the right-hand side. (Taken from SBEDV Bulletin 136/145).



Photomontage by M. Claudino, showing a reconstruction of the scene with the three dwarves barring the road to João Klein.

As João Klein's home lay only 100 metres or so ahead, he showed that he intended to continue on his way. But the three small beings spread out their arms across the road, indicating that they would forbid him passage. At this point he says he was able to hear them talking to each other and that, while of course he was unable to understand their speech, he felt that it contained sounds similar to the sounds of Portuguese.

The attack

Determined to defy them, he seized his big knife (used for stripping the leaves off sugar-cane) and threw it straight at them, but the knife seemed to encounter an invisible obstacle and was deflected.

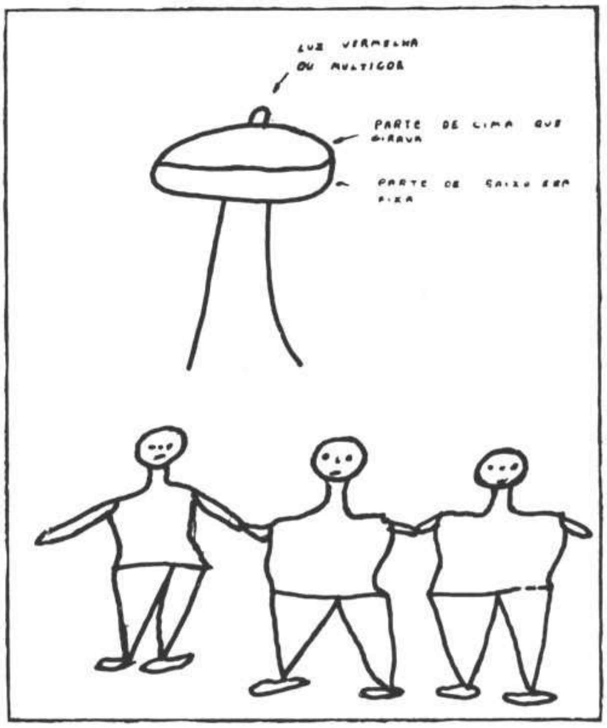
The middle dwarf at once reacted by pointing a sort of "rod" at him. From the rod came a beam of bluish, almost white, light, which struck João Klein on his left thigh. He noticed that although only the one dwarf used his weapon, the other two also carried similar weapons attached to their belts on the right side.

The witness apparently lost consciousness immediately, but was found and picked up very shortly afterwards by some of his neighbours. They carried him into his house, and it was only there that he began to recover consciousness.

Similar weapons in a previous case

As regards the bluish shaft of light discharged from the weapon, I would refer to page 81 of ŞBEDV Bulletin No. 66/68 (January-June 1969) where we described the encounter of Tiago Machado[4] with UFO entities at Pirassununga (State of São Paulo) in January 1969:-

"A blue flame some 30 cms long came quickly (from the weapon) towards Tiago Machado and struck him in the centre of the right thigh. At once he felt a 'tingling' sensation in the thigh, and then his whole body became 'rigid.' Simultaneously with this feeling of rigidity, he observed the small window (of the UFO) closing. Then he fell to the ground, apparently losing consciousness."



Sketch of the craft and dwarves by the witness, João Klein. Note that he writes: Red light, or changing; top part rotating; lower part stationary.

Examined by Doctors

When João Klein recovered consciousness, the whole of his left leg was stiff. He was taken to the Azambuja Hospital at Brusque, and examined there by several doctors. According to his statement, the doctors used needles to probe the area where he claimed that the light beam had struck him (presumably to test such things as sensitivity and circulation).

His thigh showed no external signs of injury. The only impairment was that the muscles of his left leg were totally rigid, rendering any movement of the limb impossible.

The site of the occurrence. We apologise for the quality of these reproductions.

Investigator visits Hospital

Our investigator, Marcelino Edmundo Claudino, was particularly interested by this part of the story, and he went to the Azambuja Hospital hoping to be able to consult their records of the affair. He was, however, disappointed, for although there was one nurse there who recalled the case very well, she said that the doctors who had dealt with João Klein had now all left that hospital and gone elsewhere. Marcelino was consequently only able to ascertain the name of one of the doctors. This was Dr. Antônio Monser. But we have not yet managed to find out where this doctor now is or to contact him.

Recovery

Over the next few days, João Klein's leg gradually got better. Soon he was no longer obliged to move around by hopping and jumping, and in due course there was complete recovery. Today he and his wife are living at No. 272, rua Marechal Floriano, in the town of São João Batista.

Translator's comments and notes

1. This case at Pirassununga, in the State of São Paulo, must not be confused with another event which also took place

at Pirassununga (in January 1969) and which was reported at length by our erstwhile Special Correspondent in Brazil, Nigel Rimes, under the title of "The Pirassununga Landing," in *FSR Special Issue No. 3 (UFO Percipients)*, issued in September 1969. So far as I know, there is no English version yet of Dr. Buhler's long account of Paulo Coutinho's experience, which is simply part of the vast mass of first-class Brazilian material that I have not yet had the time to tackle.

2. It will be noted that the eyewitness has a German name. As I have pointed out on previous occasions, a large proportion of the Brazilian population in some of these most southerly States are of German origin, though I believe that in many cases they no longer speak that language. We have already reported several cases in which such individuals of German origin were involved in UFO experiences.
3. Here, again, we have the famous "rod" or "wand" or "ray gun" which has figured in so many UFO cases in Brazil, France, and elsewhere. In some cases the weapon appears merely to induce paralysis of the whole body. In other cases — as in this present instance — it is claimed that it renders the victim unconscious.
4. See Note 1 above. This is the case (of Tiago Machado) described by Nigel Rimes in *FSR Special Issue No. 3*. Tiago Machado's case is similar to that of João Klein in some respects, inasmuch as both were struck on the legs by a jet of flame or light, but Tiago Machado appears to have been paralysed by it while Klein was rendered unconscious. Moreover, the entities involved were entirely different. The beings encountered by Tiago Machado were described as having unpleasant yellowish faces with their eyes set at uneven levels! Although the first press reports said they were only about 50 cms in height — and therefore also seemingly in the category of what one might call "dwarves" — Nigel Rimes reported that Tiago Machado told him they were about 1 metre 45 cms in height, and so definitely were not "dwarves."

XIth CENTURY UFO REPORT FROM CHINA

John Brent Musgrave

SOMETIME around the year 1086 the noted Chinese scientist and scholar, Shen Kua, wrote his famous *Mêng Chhi Pi Than* (Dream Pool Essays). These essays contain a wealth of information on astronomy, mathematics, geology and geography, as well as many other sciences and technologies. They are based on notes Shen Kua took as official duties brought him to many parts of China. The *Essays* include references to strange luminescent phenomena observed for many years near the town of Yang-chou. (Yang-chou is located in the present-day province of Kiangsu, northeast of Shanghai.) From the 7th to the 11th century it was one of China's richest trading cities, and the transfer point for Yangtze river trade onto the Grand Canal. The following account is based on a translation by Dr. Lawrence Lau.

"In the middle of the year Chia-you there was a very big 'pearl' seen in Yang-chou. It was often seen in the daytime. At the beginning, it appeared in the marshes of Tien Ch'ang county. Later it was seen at Lake Pi Shie. And still later, for ten years or more, it was seen at Lake Shin Kai. It was often seen by passers-by as well as local inhabitants.

"My friend's study was on Lake Shin Kai. One night, he suddenly saw the 'pearl' close by. At first, it opened its chamber slightly, and light came out as though a horizontal thread of gold was laid. Soon it suddenly opened up its shell. Its size was like half of a round banquet table, and the white light from the shell was like silver. The 'pearl' was as big as a fist. The light was so brilliant that it could not be looked at directly. Within ten or more *li* (several miles) all the trees and bushes were illuminated as if the sun were rising. From afar one could only see the sky red, as if lit by a wild fire. Suddenly, the 'pearl' flew off in the distance. Floating amid the waves of the lake it was dazzling bright like the sun.

"In antiquity, there was the pearl of the bright moon. But this pearl did not resemble the moon. It was burning bright with flame, closely resembling the light of the sun.

"Po Chü-I once composed a *Bright Pearl Ode*. Po I, who often saw the pearl, was a native of Kao Yao. It has not appeared in recent years; where it has gone is not known. The town of Fan Liang was at the place where the pearl passed back and forth. Travellers who passed by there always tied their boats several nights to wait for its appearance, and named the pavilion *Wan Chu* (Pearl Playing or Pearl Appreciation)."

CONTINUING EVIDENCE OF RETRIEVALS OF THE THIRD KIND

Gordon Creighton

IN FSR, Volume 25, Nos. 4, 5, and 6, and Volume 26, No. 1, we gave readers the whole of such evidence as we had been able to gather until that date regarding stories, or rumours, of crashed alien craft, and dead alien beings alleged to be retained in the greatest secrecy by the U.S. Government at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, and at several other named bases throughout the USA. This material, as will be recalled, consisted of the full text of the Paper delivered by Mr. Leonard Stringfield at the MUFON Symposium held in Dayton on July 29, 1978, plus two articles by myself regarding a number of items of supportive evidence that had reached FSR in the early years after its establishment in 1955.

More Testimony

On March 13, 1979, Mr. Stringfield wrote to me that his total number of informants had risen to over fifty, all of whom had supplied statements, but none of whom could be named. Readers will recall Mr. Stringfield's claim that, within a few hours of his delivery of his MUFON lecture, he had received two anonymous death threats. Anyone who reads through this material can surely perceive for himself that there is widespread fear and apprehension among the informants, all of whom seem to have been under constant pressure, which has meant that in fact many of them have since suddenly vanished or become "unavailable." Exceptionally, as will also be recalled, two of the statements (see *Abstracts* Nos. X and XII of Mr. Stringfield's paper) purport to have come from individuals who were nearing the moment of death. Clearly anyone who is dying is unlikely to feel too frightened by the idea of disregarding undertakings or pledges made to officials, often years before. But for those who are still "in good health" the prospect might well look very different. As Mr. Stringfield has indicated to me, many of these individuals have probably been obliged at some time in the past to sign *"some kind of official U.S. form relating to the Espionage Act."*

Now, I think we should pay very careful attention to this word "espionage" which, I confess, I have never seen used before in connection with our subject of UFOs and Ufology. It may seem to us today pretty absurd for such a matter as the investigation of all "unidentified flying objects" to be bracketed under the term "espionage," which we have traditionally viewed as relating to purely "human" activities. However, it must be borne in mind that while we seem to know nothing yet regarding the possible origins or motivations of the UFO occupants, we do know considerably more than we did in 1947 about the patterns of their behaviour, and it is today obvious — at any rate to those who are objective and unprejudiced enough merely to examine the evidence — that it is utterly ludicrous to suggest that, if "human" means "terrestrial", the word has any application to the UFOs. But *"espionage"* is an excellent bogey word with which to frighten the unsuspecting public.

The year 1947 was only a few months after the close of a tremendous global war in which the Americans had changed from being intensely naive on matters of National Security to being almost as conscious as we Europeans are of these questions. So it is not difficult for us to perceive why, in the summer of 1947, American officialdom, beset by a flood of UFO reports, may have clutched gratefully at this chilling word *"espionage,"* and have found it a highly useful deterrent with which to head off all but the boldest of souls from venturing to probe too deeply into this area. We shall find that, ever since, officialdom has aimed to discourage UFO research by linking it with the dangerous world of espionage!

While many of the public may now see through this subterfuge, it is understandable that the possibility of finding oneself charged with the offence of "espionage on behalf of a foreign power" might still be a highly useful weapon for curbing the curiosity of great many Americans — maybe especially the more unsophisticated inhabitants of those rural areas in which so many UFO encounters take place. And this might hold good for other nations as well as America.[1]

The book by Charles Berlitz

An important point which should not be overlooked is the fact that, despite what the majority of people probably think, our thesis about the Retrievals of the Third Kind does not depend solely on what Leonard Stringfield has to say about it, or on the various items subsumed in my two articles. For we now have a book, *The Roswell Incident,* written by Charles Berlitz with the collaboration of William Moore and published in 1980.[2] It is true that the authors concentrate most of their attention upon one principal incident, but nothing in their book runs counter to Stringfield, and it is on the whole a powerful piece of support for him.

As was to be expected, the critics have not been slow to attack Berlitz for "cheap sensation-mongering," just as they attacked Stringfield on the same count. The simple answer is of course, that if only 1% of what Stringfield and Berlitz say about "crashes and retrievals" is true, then there is nothing more "sensational" that could be conjured up by the mind of man.

The Second Stringfield Report

My purpose now is to introduce, with Mr. Stringfield's permission, two further Reports which he has produced to illustrate the continuing development of his investigations since 1978. The first of these is a brief paper, *Retrievals of the Third Kind: New Sources, New Data.* This is dated July 4, 1979.

The second, — and principal — document received from Mr. Stringfield bears the title *The UFO Crash/Retrieval Syndrome. Status Report II: New Sources, New Data.* This was published originally by Mutual UFO Network Inc., 103 Oldtowne Road, Seguin, Texas 78155, Price $5.00 and dated January 1980.[3]

Mr. Stringfield (who writes: *". . . Flying Saucer Review are doing an excellent job! Don't ever give up, despite the recession!"*) has given us permission to print the whole of Status Report II without any charge for it. As noted above, MUFON, who bore the cost of printing it, put it on sale two years ago at $5.00 a copy, but Leonard Stringfield retains the copyright on it. I recently wrote to him that most British readers likely to wish to incur this outlay would doubtless have already bought it, but that if we could now have permission to reprint it we could help to make it much better known. In a letter dated April 6, 1982, he has agreed to this, and he has also transmitted the consent of Mr. Walt Andrus, Director of MUFON. Our warmest thanks go to these two gentlemen for their kind collaboration.

For those who may wish to buy a copy of *Status Report II* in its original form, I am asked by Mr. Stringfield to say that it is still available from MUFON for US$5.00 (surface mail) I am furthermore asked by Mr. Stringfield to include here his home address, which is: 4412 Grove Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45227, USA. (This, he explains, is "for the benefit of any FSR reader who has 'a big secret' to disclose to me!")

Third Status Report now under Preparation

My wish to see all this Stringfield material set out in chronological order in FSR stems from the fact that his investigations are by no means concluded: the work still goes on. He tells me that early in July 1979 he secured further biological details from his "medical source" (name not divulged). He writes: *"I am now in a position to draw the complete external anatomy of the beings."* And he says that he is now preparing a new monograph which will be entitled *Status Report III* and which he hopes to have in print by the summer of 1982. He writes:

> "This Paper will contain many new case-histories concerning UFO Crash/Retrievals, plus some other interesting data. I'm now working full time on getting the copy typed and edited ready to go to the typesetter in May or June 1982. I believe that I've hit some sensitive nerves. I'll send you a copy when it is published.
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> "Incidentally, your information about Admiral Lord Hill-Norton and his confirmation on BBC-2 Television on March 10th that there is a 'UFO cover-up' came just in good time, and I am using it in my Status Report III."

Latest Reports about the "Cover-Up" in the USA

It will be recalled that in my Note, *"Further Evidence of Retrievals"* (in FSR Vol. 26, No. 1), I gave the full text of the very important *New York Times* article of January 14, 1979, headed: CIA PAPERS DETAIL UFO SURVEILLANCE, as well as a brief outline of the position as regards the first lawsuit against the CIA, and I mentioned that Mr. William Spaulding and *Ground Saucer Watch* of Texas were talking of bringing a second suit in the courts.

To conclude, I give below the full texts of two further press reports, photostats of which have recently reached me, and both of which are highly significant.

The first report is a UP item[4] which appeared in the ill-fated English language newspaper *Buenos Aires Herald* (February 16, 1982) under the headline: UFO FANS TO FIGHT U.S. GOVERNMENT SECRECY:—

> "An organization of UFO enthusiasts is seeking a close encounter with the Supreme Court in a battle over 135 UFO-related documents held by the super-secret National Security Agency.[5]
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> "A group called *Citizens Against UFO Secrecy*,[6] based in New York, wants the Justices to order the Agency to release the mysterious material in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.
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> "The case began in late 1978, when the UFO Group filed a formal request for 18 Agency documents under the Information law. The National Security Agency flatly refused to release the information, claiming it is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information law.
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> "A few months later, the Group expanded its request to include 'all documents in the possession of, or under the control of, the National Security Agency, relating to or pertaining to unidentified flying objects and the UFO phenomenon.'
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> "In response, the National Security Agency

admitted that it has 135 such 'UFO-related' documents, but again declined to release them. It claimed that such disclosure would reveal some of its top secret monitoring and intercepting techniques.

"The National Security Agency is a Defence Department unit headquartered at Fort Meade, Maryland. One of its main responsibilities is to gather foreign Intelligence information by intercepting radio communications sent to or from foreign governments."

The second interesting little item is an AP report[7] which appeared in the *Irish Times* (Dublin) on March 9, 1982, under the headline UFOs STILL SECRET.

"The U.S. Supreme Court yesterday refused to order the super-secret National Security Agency to disclose whatever it knows about unidentified flying objects. After a closed session examination of some of the information, the Court, without comment, let stand a ruling that the Agency's files on the subject do not have to be made public under the Freedom of Information Act."

Notes and References

1. In the course of my own protracted investigation of a spectacular landing case which occurred in the south-western part of England in the early 1950s, the principal witness admitted to me that the Security officials who had visited him, grilled him, and had accompanied him to the site, had "thrown the book at him," and left him in a permanent state of fear.
When I have visited him at varying times in subsequent years, his apprehension has not appeared to be less and he would speak only in private. He would commit nothing to writing, and of the several letters I have sent to him, only the first one was answered. (I had not revealed in it my connection with FSR). It is clear that this man had been warned that his very life would be at risk if he talked of what he had once witnessed at extremely close quarters.
2. British edition by Granada Publishing, 1980. For a review of the book see Janet and Colin Bord: *FSR Bookshelf — 7* (FSR Vol. 26, No. 5, p. 23).
3. FSR readers will also already have seen a review of this Status Report in Janet and Colin Bord's *FSR Bookshelf — 6* (FSR Vol. 26, No. 4, p. 23).
4. It is interesting to note that this UP press item comes to us from an English language newspaper published overseas (in Argentina), and one may find oneself wondering, in view of the very evident current clamp-down in the U.K. *whether the item ever got into any newspaper in Britain?* Incidentally, the editor of this English-language paper in Buenos Aires (which has published numerous UFO reports in past years) has recently been forced to flee from Argentina — not, of course, for printing anything about UFOs or the UFO Cover-Up, but because he is British himself and his life had been threatened by those elements that were responsible for the war fought in the South Atlantic.
5. Years ago, both Dr. Allen Hynek and Coral Lorenzen hinted that they had come upon irrefutable proof that the U.S. Air Force's "interest in UFOs" and its studies, like *Operation Grudge* and *Blue Book,* were simply camouflage. Hynek found that highly important cases, in the investigation of which he had played a part, never ended up in Blue Book's files at all, so his presumption was that they had ended up "somewhere else". Coral Lorenzen said that the investigation of UFOs was not being conducted by the U.S. Air Force, but by the *UFO Board.* I admit that, apart from this one reference in one of Coral Lorenzen's books I have never seen any mention of such a body as a "UFO Board". Let us accept that (whatever its correct title) it is a part of what this UP report of February 16, 1982, calls the ". . . super-secret National Security Agency." Such an important and super-secret body can only be concerned with the vital work of counter-espionage, and the ever growing threat from the USSR against the whole of the West, including the United States. The disputed 135 UFO-related documents are described as being in the possession of this Agency, not in the possession of the U.S. Air Force. Here again we have what seems irrefutable proof that the official study of UFOs in the USA is concealed within the (totally unrelated) field of the defence of the United States against her *terrestrial* enemies.

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6. The address of *Citizens Against UFO Secrecy* (CAUS) is (or at least *was*, in 1979): P.O. Box 4743, Arlington, Va. 22204. Their telephone was listed as 212-992-9600 (Days — Gersten) and 703-920-0593 (Nights — Bryant). Their Director was listed as Mr. W. Todd Zechel, while Brad C. Sparks was named as their Director of Research, Peter A. Gersten as their Legal Adviser, and Larry W. Bryant as their Administrator.
7. For both the UP report and the AP report we are indebted to a faithful and long-standing reader and correspondent — a lady in a certain city in South America. They were the last communications received from her.

RETRIEVALS OF THE THIRD KIND: NEW SOURCES, NEW DATA

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SINCE the initial release of my paper *Retrievals of the Third Kind* (Subtitled: "A case Study of Alleged UFOs and occupants in Military Custody") on July 29, 1978, at the ninth annual MUFON symposium in Dayton, Ohio, my patient pursuit in this special endeavour of research has been rewarded with a reassuring influx of new information from a variety of sources. This includes additional anatomical data from a medical source who, with others, had examined a deceased alien specimen.

Key sources, such as medical, of course, must remain unidentified. And, admittedly, that's my hang-up. Information, from knowledgeable sources, has an uncompromising stipulation — *no use of names!* Simply put, it's all in a name, and, as we all know, the name of an authoritative source willing to be quoted, has never happened. Yes, there are leaks, and many since 1948 when the legend of "little men" first broke the news, but the real facts have never transcended beyond the rumour stage.

I know that my clinical respect for the anonymity of my sources will forever haunt my attempt to establish credibility for the subject. Conversely, it has been the very reason for some new and reliable sources to surface. Thus, beyond any ethical premise, I see no reason to betray my sources just to sate the demands of the media or a diehard disbeliever in research.

To put it hypothetically, let's say I did resort to the betrayal of names. How far would it get off the ground? Would it get worldwide attention? Would it trigger the ultimate collapse of secrecy and open the floodgates to a public pronouncement? I daresay, no. It is my belief that the forces of security would act like its doomsday. To be brief, my betrayed source, even if he were reachable — and I'm sure he would not be — would deny my allegations. Without confirmation, my sensational revelation would quickly melt into just another rumour. And that would end all my bonds of trust with the right people, and it would kill my reputation and my research.

I must also stress that most of my leads to new sources, or getting more information from the old, are far from successful. Many, as a matter of fact, are dead-enders, or because of other security reasons, reveal precious little. Some suddenly put on the spot are awkwardly evasive before denial; others, once they know I'm at their doorstep, disappear as though into thin air. It is even more bewildering that many of my old informants have vanished without a trace. This leaves a lot of room for conjecture, but I knew from the outset in this venture, and from my own experiences, especially in Dayton before delivering my paper, (threats on my life, etc.) that this was a sensitive field.

Indeed, extreme security is involved. More than one informant has told me that my chosen subject is

classified "Eyes only." And, as one of my early informants related, when asked if he would sign a statement for posthumous release, "If I allowed you to use my name in *any* manner, I would end up on the turkey farm." He added, "To be sure, I checked with Security and was told: 'You have seen nothing, heard nothing and you sure as shit can sign nothing!' " Curiously my informant, and family, have disappeared since I talked with him last Fall.

Of course, there is no reason for alarm in this one instance despite our friendship and long chats on UFOs, but other worthy informants have also become mysteriously unreachable. Coincidence? Banishment? Or, did they all do their jobs well as plants? And, if the latter, for what reason?

Despite disappointment, and occasional cloak-and-daggerishness, I feel privileged to have accumulated so much information relative to the retrievals of the craft and occupants. It all began with my book, *Situation Red, The UFO Siege* published by Doubleday 1977 (and since in paperbacks, worldwide). It was in this book that I resurrected the legend of the "little men" and their being in deep freeze at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. While preparing the manuscript it was my belief that some of my early informants were telling the truth and that there was a validity for it in the ups-and-downs of the UFO mystery. Now, since the "Retrievals of the Third Kind" paper has been amply xeroxed,* and has made its way around the world, and as new data continue to reach me from new sources — even as I write this — I have narrowed my research to this one phase only. It is in this, I believe, that I ultimately will find the truth or be able to shoot it all down as a grand hoax..

Needless to say, I feel confident that I'm on the right road — and, at its end are some mind-boggling facts that are impossible for the authorities to "officially" reveal.

I am aware of a few of the mind-bogglers let out by Intelligence sources, but they are too fragmentary and nebulous, or just too bizarre for rationale. Until I can piece them together or learn more about each, I'll have to be content with the bits of new data that come to strengthen my first "Retrievals" paper. Following hereunder are a few examples of the new data received relative to abstracts in the paper, describing recovery events:—

Abstract No. 1 New information indicates that the first alleged retrieval incident known to research occurred in Mexico, near Laredo, Texas in 1950 instead of 1948. Allegedly affidavits exist.

Abstract No. 5 Another witness to the film, an Air Force Colonel surfaced through the efforts of a researcher. His data, by letter, corroborate and add to my other first hand witness's account of the film.

Abstract No. 16 In the Fall of 1978, a former second hand informant, an Air Police guard at Wright-Patterson, became *first hand* when I traced him to his employment to discuss the issue. I got his confirmation that he saw three humanoid bodies after recovery in 1973.

Abstract No. 20 Some researchers have tried to discredit this case which occurred in Ft. Riley, Kansas, 1964. I have since received a letter from another witness of the recovery event on the following morning. Also, I have confirmation of the incident from a former official of the C.I.A.

Abstract No. 21 This witness to nine bodies at Wright-Patterson in 1966, gave me the additional information that one of the UFO crashes occurred near Evansville, Indiana. This source, who had arranged to see me while I was lecturing in Florida in April of 1979, became unreachable.

It is beyond the scope of this commentary to relate all the recent developments in my research. I have several new promising leads; however, my cooperative medical source has supplied me with ample data to render a new drawing of the overall external body, and more defined details for the head, hands and feet.I hereby quote from one of the paragraphs in his statement to me concerning the height of the alien body, which he and others measured during autopsy . . . "The specimen observed was four feet three and three eighths inches in length. I can't remember the weight. It has been so long ago, and my files do not contain the weight. I recall the length because we had a disagreement and everybody took their turn at measuring."

Other data from the doctor concern the internal structure which must wait for further clarification. A more comprehensive report of all collected data is in preparation. This will be released through the MUFON UFO Journal at a future date. Other information relative to my talk in Dayton, Ohio and C.I.A. involvement, was prepared for release in the newly published [journal of the (?)—ED] Planetary Association for Clean Energy.†

Needless to say, I am in a unique position at this time and hopefully my next paper will be more convincing than the first. One then may rightly ask: Is it all a grand hoax? Have I been deceived or mislead? While anything seems possible in UFOlogy, I seriously doubt any deception. If so, then I've been cleverly hoodwinked by five independent sources, some of whom I had to pursue with great effort and difficulty. In summary, they all say the same thing about the bodies and the craft.

All my first hand sources are normal people holding responsible positions in civilian life. Those who have served in a military Intelligence capacity or C.I.A., or in medical practice, may have come forth in

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the spirit of covert cooperation. I hope so.

I believe that my basic "retrieval" information is true. Someday, if there is an official time table, certain information may be made known to confirm the greatest story every told.

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†FSR Editor writes: The following is the text of a letter, dated May 30, 1979, received by Dr. Andrew Michrowski, president of the Planetary Association for Clean Energy (100 Bronson Avenue, Suite 1001, Ottawa, Ontario) in reply to his letter of August 15, 1978 to Mr. Pierre Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada. Dr. Michrowski had made a plea for Canadian Government sponsorship for setting up a multi-national centre where scientifically-minded people (he quoted as examples the names of Drs. Vallée and Hynek, astronaut Gordon Cooper and Leonard Stringfield) could discuss the problem freely and with Canada's official backing. The last two paragraphs are of interest:—

Dear Mr. Michrowski:

On behalf of the Prime Minister, I wish to thank you for sharing your views on the very interesting and intriguing issue of Unidentified Flying Objects and Occupants and their reported contacts with North Americans.

Regretfully your letter was indexed upon receipt but was not acknowledged. Please accept my apologies for this oversight.

You are quite right in noting the dilemma which UFO s present to the scientific community. There are deep and honest divisions between scientists on this issue. Although a multi-national research effort might considerably advance the resolution of this controversy, the fiscal constraints on the Canadian government at this time might make it difficult for the government to assign a high priority to such an endeavour.

Nevertheless, your comments have been noted with interest and you might wish to consider writing again to the Minister responsible for Science and Technology in the new government at a future date.

Yours sincerely,
Katharine E. Gourlie,
Government Operations.

Publication in *Flying Saucer Review* of Mr. Stringfield's study: *The UFO Crash/Retrieval Syndrome. Status Report II: new sources, new data,* will commence in the next issue.

FSR BOOKSHELF — 15

New UFO books reviewed by . . . *Janet & Colin Bord*

IN the 1980s the trend in ufology seems to be to turn the inexplicable into the mundane, and sometimes the explanations by which this is done are weirder than the original phenomenon. In **Night Siege** we are faced with truly unbelievable happenings for which one of only three possibilities must be applicable: 1. The witnesses are lying (but the investigators claim to have also witnessed some events — are they lying too?); 2. The witnesses are hallucinating (but shared hallucinations are a rare phenomenon); 3. The witnesses are honestly describing happenings for which there is no logical explanation.

These strange events took place in mid-1981 at Rome, Ohio, not far from the home of Fortean Dennis Pilichis, who launched an immediate investigation. Briefly, the affected family, who live on a rural property, were regularly plagued at night by tall, dark figures with glowing red eyes. The figures wandered about at the treeline, or came closer to the house, but were apparently aimless. When shot at by the family, they screamed, but do not appear to have been hurt.

During the night of 1 July glowing objects or lights were seen as well as the dark figures, and one family member was hit by a ray of light. The father shot at a cigar-box-shaped object which flew over the farmhouse. It had red and blue lights, and he aimed at the red light, which went out. He also heard a noise like a bullet hitting something like glass. But the object continued along its course apparently unaffected.

Many authors have tried to establish a link between UFO and Bigfoot phenomena, but our own studies have showed us that such a link is rare, only about 1% of Bigfoot cases showing any direct UFO involvement. If the Rome events are classed as a Bigfoot case (and the dark forms seen do certainly bear some resemblance to a category of Bigfoot phenomena), then we have here one of the few cases where Bigfoot and UFO are seen together, apparently as part of the same phenomenon.

The Rome Bigfeet have more affinity to the paranormal rather than the physical Bigfeet (readers wishing for further explanation of the different categories should consult our books *Alien Animals* and *Bigfoot Casebook*), and the whole series of events carries an aura of the unreal. It is particularly unusual that the investigators were themselves able to witness some of

the goings-on. They were "believers" closely involved with strange phenomena. Had they been scientists, and sceptical, it is likely that the phenomena would not have manifested during their visits. In other words, they easily tuned in to the family's wavelength and picked up whatever it was that had latched on to them. But their enthusiasm, though it enabled them to take part in the events, did not lead them to organise a sober investigation of those events. They seem to have seen nothing wrong with the family's tactic of shooting at anything that moved, and they even added an extra unfriendly touch, by baiting live rabbits with cyanide capsules in the hope that the figures would take the rabbits, eat them and die.

In the end, they obtained no corpse, nor any real information on the nature of the figures, so their investigation methods were a total failure. Perhaps they should have used the quiet approach, treating the figures as a natural history project, and got the family to put away their guns and simply watch the figures to see what they did, where they went. They could have used this method to get closer to them, to photograph them and perhaps even communicate with them. It could hardly have been less successful than the method they did use.

So many close sightings and not one photograph, or even an attempt at photography! The only photographic "evidence" is a few blurred shots of plaster casts of lumps of dirt, supposedly footprints but which could be anything. Dennis Pilichis' report, though not very literate, makes dramatic reading. His "Afterthought: Conclusions!?" does not get anywhere near explaining what was going on at Rome last year, but we must be grateful to him for documenting the events so that others can try to make some sense of them. *Night Siege* is a large-format, 40-page, magazine-style report, illustrated with drawings and photographs. It is available from the author at P.O. Box 5012, Rome, Ohio 44085, U.S.A., price $6 (cheques payable to Dennis Pilichis).

The papers from the 1981 Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) Symposium have been published under the title **UFO's . . . The Hidden Evidence** in a well produced, large-format paperback with 154 pages. As in previous years, it can be obtained from MUFON at 103 Oldtowne Road, Seguin, Texas 78155, U.S.A., price $10. In his introductory paper, "Ufology as a Profession: A Manifesto," Dr. J. Allen Hynek calls for a professional attitude to the subject by all involved and states the need for an international house-cleaning programme to rid ufology of "manoeuvres, intrigues, and balderdash" and of "fast-buck artists who publish an amazing amount of undigested tripe."

Lawyer Peter Gersten, who, on behalf of various UFO organisations, has fought several successful actions to obtain official UFO documents from government departments, tells us "What the Government would know about UFOs if they Read their own Documents." Giving reports of UFO events from U.S. government agency files, he concludes that after 30 years of secrecy and deception the government still maintains this attitude.

In "Faith, Theory and UFOs" Dr. Barry Downing shows how faith is the mainspring of human endeavour, in both religion and science; while Budd Hopkins shows in "UFO Abductions: The Invisible Epidemic" how he has documented the degree of conscious recall of abductees *before* they undergo hypnotic regression, and concludes that "There may be as many abductions as there are UFO sighting reports."

In "The Human Factor in UFO Sightings" Dr. Ronald M. Westrum examines the background and motives of both the witnesses who report UFOs, and the scientists who ignore the reports. New York psychologist Dr. Aphrodite Clamar, who has worked with Budd Hopkins on abduction cases, offers "Missing Time: A Psychologist Examines the UFO Evidence," a short but pithy paper presenting the results of her psychological testing of UFO witnesses.

From South Africa Mrs. Cynthia Hind details five inexplicable cases she has investigated in that continent. "Close Encounters of the Second Kind: Physical Traces" is Ted R. Phillips' summary of his research into physical trace landing cases, a major contribution with ten pages of charts and tables and a 24-page analysis of the Delphos, Kansas, landing case.

Finally, Stanton T. Friedman and William L. Moore speak of the research behind the book *The Roswell Incident,* and the means by which the U.S. Government continues to maintain a state of secrecy among its employees with regard to UFO matters. MUFON are to be congratulated on having held twelve successful symposia, and for airing a wide range of UFO matters. This collection of papers is particularly rich and varied, well worth buying and reading.

In 1979 New Zealand sprang into prominence in a UFO context with the filming of the now famous Kaikoura lights. But this incident should not obscure the fact that UFOs have been seen over New Zealand since the earliest years of this century. New Zealand's 1909 airship scare is usually overshadowed by the 1897 events in the U.S.A., but the facts are just as strange. **Mervyn Dykes** devotes a chapter to these reports in his book **Strangers in Our Skies: UFOs over New Zealand** (large-format paperback published by INL Print Ltd, Eastern Hutt Road, Taita, Lower Hutt, New Zealand, price not known; 192 pages, illustrated with drawings and photographs). He also describes other intriguing incidents in New Zealand's UFO history, giving ample space to the Kaikoura events and aftermath. The UFO speculation is basic, but overall this book provides an interesting account of UFOs over New Zealand.

It is now widely accepted that some 90% of UFO reports are explainable as misinterpretations of everyday phenomena or sometimes rarer natural events. It often takes time to clearly identify the stimulus for a report, and the careful checking needed can be a chore. Two teams of UFO investigators based in the south of England have shown considerable tenacity and skill in their solving of UFO mysteries, and they are now sharing the knowledge they have acquired by publishing a small but fact-filled booklet: **UFO/IFO: A Process of Elimination,** by SCUFORI and PROBE (13 articles in 40 pages; illustrated; price 80p to UK readers (foreign readers add postage) from PROBE, 16 Marigold Walk, Ashton, Bristol, BS3 2PD).

The subjects covered include astronomical UFOs, perception, aircraft lights, natural phenomena, UFO photographs and balloons, and there are also detailed case histories. Since UFOs when demystified lose their power to thrill, the most intriguing report in the booklet concerns the object seen at Ashbury, Wiltshire, in July 1981. Despite exhaustive attempts by the investigators to find an unsensational explanation, this incident, where a small silver object was seen at close quarters by nine witnesses, remains unexplained. *UFO/IFO* is very well produced, with clear type which is easy on the eye. It is recommended to all who take their ufology seriously.

A recent publication from Dr. Hynek's Center for UFO Studies is a work by **Mark Rodeghier** entitled **UFO Reports Involving Vehicle Interference** (available price $9.60 including postage from CUFOS, P.O. Box 1402, Evanston, IL 60204, U.S.A.; large-format paperback, 144 pages). It follows the high standard of material and presentation that we expect to find in CUFOS publications. The first half contains 441 summaries of UFO reports involving electromagnetic effects on motor vehicles, such as the malfunctioning of the engine, radio or lighting, or the control and movement of the vehicle in a manner other than that decided by the driver.

In the second part the author analyses what he considers to be the significant elements in these reports by means of 54 tables, listing attributes such as shape, colour and behaviour of UFO, time, duration and location of event, and physiological effects on witnesses. Various elements from these tables have been statistically compared for significant patterns, and where the author has found correlations these are presented. He found for example that almost half of the UFOs which were seen to disappear were yellow, while metallic disc-shaped UFOs which often land, also often make a noise.

Where necessary the information is illustrated by clear graphs, and even for the non-statistician the author's writing is generally clear, easily understood and without jargon. In his summary he suggests that the results show the presence of intelligently controlled metallic craft, with a smaller group which may be an unknown type of natural phenomenon. This useful work is completed by the usual list of references and sources, and will make a valuable addition to the UFO researcher's bookshelf.

Lt. Col. Wendelle C. Stevens and **William J. Herrmann** have together written the story of Herrmann, who started seeing and photographing daylight discs in November 1977 near his home in Charleston, South Carolina, U.S.A. On the evening of 18 March 1978 he was abducted into a UFO and some 2¾ hours later was released, unable to remember what had transpired. Since then he has had other sightings, undergone hypnosis and recalled some of his abduction experience. He has also produced spontaneous automatic writing in an unidentified script and received an enigmatic metal bar from the UFO entities.

The book, **UFO . . . Contact from Reticulum,** is misleadingly subtitled "A Report of the Investigation." A report it may be, but there is no trace between its covers of any investigation. The Herrmann case has been "investigated," and this book written and published, by Wendelle C. Stevens, who gave to ufology *UFO . . . Contact from the Pleiades,* a similar exercise in contactee public relations. *Reticulum* has some of the same faults as *Pleiades:* on first sight it looks impressive, but is lacking in substance, facts and verification. There are nearly 400 pages with colour photographs, line drawings and some smudgy black and white photographs, but the material has been padded out by repeating large sections of the text in different parts of the book with only slight alterations. For example, Herrmann tells his abduction story three or four times in the book, each time in slightly different words — an excellent way to stretch the material and fill pages. Other subterfuges employed are the use of a large typeface, printing each of the eight UFO colour photographs twice in different parts of the book (the jacket picture is reproduced four times, no less!) for no apparent reason, and adding five appendices of irrelevant material.

For all their faults, other recent books on abduction investigations are models of penetrating investigation and concise reporting when compared with this sorry affair. Perhaps behind it all there is a genuine UFO experience to be recorded and examined, but this uninvestigated muddle is of no help in that task. (*UFO . . . Contact from Reticulum* is available price $18.20 including postage from RETICULUM, Box 17206, Tucson, AZ 85731-7206, U.S.A.).

PERCIPIENT-DEPENDENT COMPONENT IN THE FALCON LAKE INCIDENT?

Luis Schoenherr

IN a detailed 50-page paper[1] I have tried to show that there are cases in the UFO literature which display phenomenal details strangely related to the percipient's memory, and to his psychic and physical situation. I have coined for them the term "percipient-dependent components" abbreviated "PDCs". While the phenomenal characteristics of some PDCs are certainly reminiscent of hallucinations, I have also discussed the possibility that PDCs could manifest themselves as objectively perceptible physical elements, which may be identified by certain inconsistencies appearing from time to time in UFO scenarios.

With regard to this latter point, a detail in the UFO experience of Steve Michalak, also known as the Falcon Lake Incident,[2] could be significant. The witness stated that a hot blast emanating from a grid-like vent on the side of the UFO burned his shirt and inflicted a burn, patterned in the form of the exhaust-grid, on his abdomen. Now the photos showing the burn-patterns on the skin are indeed very impressive, but it is hardly possible that the burns could have been produced in the manner described. The physical behaviour of a blast of air, vapour, or any other gaseous substance, is quite different from, say, that of water emerging from a shower. While the latter retains, for a considerable distance, the structure determined by the tiny openings in the spray head, a gas jet would expand immediately after leaving the vent. Unfortunately none of the versions available to me states the exact distance between the witness and the exhaust, but even if he was — as may be inferred — only an arm's-length from the grid, it is more than unlikely that such a sharply outlined pattern could have been produced. This is the more unlikely as the witness wore a shirt plus an undershirt.

The Falcon Lake incident was also investigated by the Condon team. In the Condon Report this investigation is described under the title: **Case 22, North Central, Spring 1967, Investigator: Craig.**[3] Apparently no attention was given to the inconsistency mentioned above, and the report does not mention that there was a patterned burn on the witness's body. It states, however, that there was such a burn on the witness' undershirt, matching, according to his assertion, the pattern of the UFO's exhaust openings from which the burning vapours had spurted. Although the Condon Report includes in the photographic section some 60 plates, there is neither a photograph of the burnt undershirt, nor of the most extraordinary burn on the abdomen. Both photographs can be found, however, fairly well reproduced, in a recent Canadian publication.[4] Unfortunately I could not obtain the witness' own, original account[5] which seems to be out-of-print. One gets the impression that the investigator didn't pursue the matter of the burn subsequently, perhaps because he suspected that the burn had been self-inflicted. I too think that there could be some truth in this hypothesis, but not in a sense that would be discriminating against the witness.

Let's suppose that the witness had, deeply buried in his memory, an emotionally "filled" image of this grid-pattern. During the UFO experience, this image was triggered, and he produced a corresponding hallucination and, together with it, a psychosomatic effect, i.e. a stigma. It could also be that the grid was a real part of the UFO scenario, and that it triggered, by affinity, the corresponding memory image in the witness which led to the stigma. We may even say that it was the intention of the unconscious to construct a logically consistent scenario, but that this attempt failed because of the witness's imperfect knowledge of hydrodynamics. (At least it doesn't seem that the laws of hydrodynamics are part of the contents of Jung's collective unconscious.)

It is my opinion that inconsistencies of this sort can help us to learn more about the true process, the *modus operandi,* of the UFO experience. They deserve the increased attention of every investigator, and should not be brushed aside as merely random and, in the final analysis, insignificant distortions.

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UFO PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN AT RICHMOND B.C.

Dorothy Wilkinson

WHILE browsing through some of my friend Oweenee Beaton's collection of back issues of the *Flying Saucer Review,* I came across an article published by the *Wiener Montaq* on March 7, 1960. It was called "The Leibnitz Spider." This object was spotted and photographed by a correspondent of the same paper, the *Wiener Montaq;* his name is Edgar Schedelbauer, a native of Strass, near Leibnitz.

I have also managed to photograph a similar object, in fact I have six photographs taken in sequence, two years ago on 28 March 1980. I was only aware of this recently when I saw the picture of the Leibnitz Spider in the *Flying Saucer Review* of July-August 1960, Vol. 6 No. 4, pages 16, 17 and 18.

Accompanying this article are six prints taken from a film strip which I shot at my home in Richmond, British Columbia, Canada.

It happened on the 28 March 1980, at about 9.20 p.m. The weather was good except for a few cloud patches here and there. I was just putting my dinner dishes away, when a light was beamed into the kitchen at me (this is how they usually contact me). I opened the kitchen door, peeked out, and saw the object sitting up there in the sky.

I ran back into the guest room, picked up my three movie cameras, which I always keep loaded as I never know when they will decide to come, ran back to the kitchen, and out to the sundeck which is just off the kitchen.

The sundeck is on the north side of the house. I had to turn around and face north-west, and look up at a 45° angle to film the object. It looked like a three-quarter moon. The camera I used for the six shots was the Sankyo Seiki XL ES 44 with a F1.2 electronic lens. This movie camera is capable of taking single shots as well, which enables me to save on films, because I have been spending too much on them. The camera also has a telescopic lens, which I used as well. Had I rolled my camera I would have had many more shots of the object. I managed to get some shots with my other cameras though, but the angles of the shots are different as the object was turning around very slowly.

The reason for using the three movie cameras was

CANADIAN CONTACTEE'S REMARKABLE PICTURES

During the last decade we have become accustomed to the extraordinary photographic feats of people like "thoughtographer" Ted Serios, and UFO photographer Stella Lansing whose pictures were revealed to the world by Dr. Berthold E. Schwarz through the pages of *Flying Saucer Review.*

Here now is another unusual photographer, already well-known in Canada, who can only be described as a contactee, but a contactee with a difference. Not for her, it seems, the world of close encounters, of "philosophical" messages and trips to Venus. She merely claims that she receives forewarning of the presence of a sky object, and that she films that object until she has sufficient pictures.

Apart from Dr. Hynek, we gather that Dr. Richard Haines and Dr. Bruce Maccabee are very interested in the films. We have used the maiden name of our witness, as has been the case in other publications. EDITOR

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Second shot by Super-8 Movie Camera on March 28,
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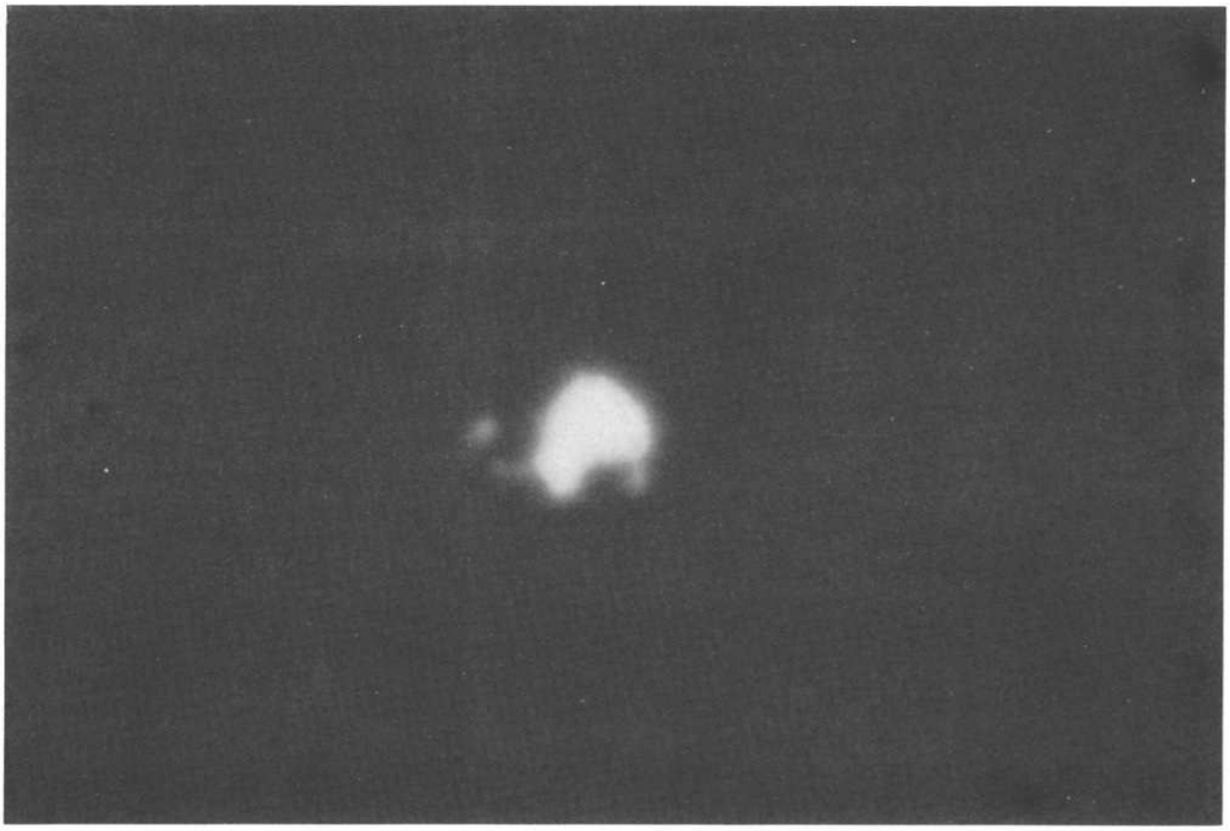

Photo 2 (above): full frame enlargement of second shot taken at Richmond B.C., Canada, on March 28, 1980.

Photo 3 (below): full frame enlargement of third shot, same time and place

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Third shot by Super-8 Movie Camera on 28 March 1980
at 9.20 p.m.

Photo 4: Detail from print of fourth shot, taken at Richmond B.C., Canada, on 28 March 1980 at 9.20 p.m. Super-8 Movie Camera. Copyright No. 221D. The image was well to the right on the full frame.

Photo 5: Detail from print of fifth shot, taken at Richmond B.C., Canada, on 28 March 1980 at 9.20 p.m. Super-8 Movie Camera. Copyright No. 221E.

Dr. Allen Hynek's idea. He said that people usually think that there might be something on the camera lens etc., hence the three cameras. I use them at intervals, and the results are quite interesting.

At one time I asked if they would turn off the bright lights so that I could see what the object looked like and they kindly obliged. The object stayed in view for about an hour or so, changing shapes, etc. It's hard for me to say how close the object was. It was as if I was looking at the moon midway in the sky. There was no sound that I could hear. Anyway the neighbour's children were still up and playing, so I would have problems hearing anything. I did not see it approach, nor did I see it leave, as I had things to do in the house. I usually thank them when I've taken enough pictures, and go into the house. About an hour later I peeked out and they were gone.

I have been filming UFOs for about seven years now, and have quite a collection of pictures. Why they choose to appear to me is a mystery. Scientists and other professional and lay people are continually seeing and checking my films. I have been on TV on several occasions to show my movies, most people are quite amazed at what they see. I am enclosing a few more pictures for you to study. They have been checked out by several people with good credentials, some of them friends of Professor Hynek.

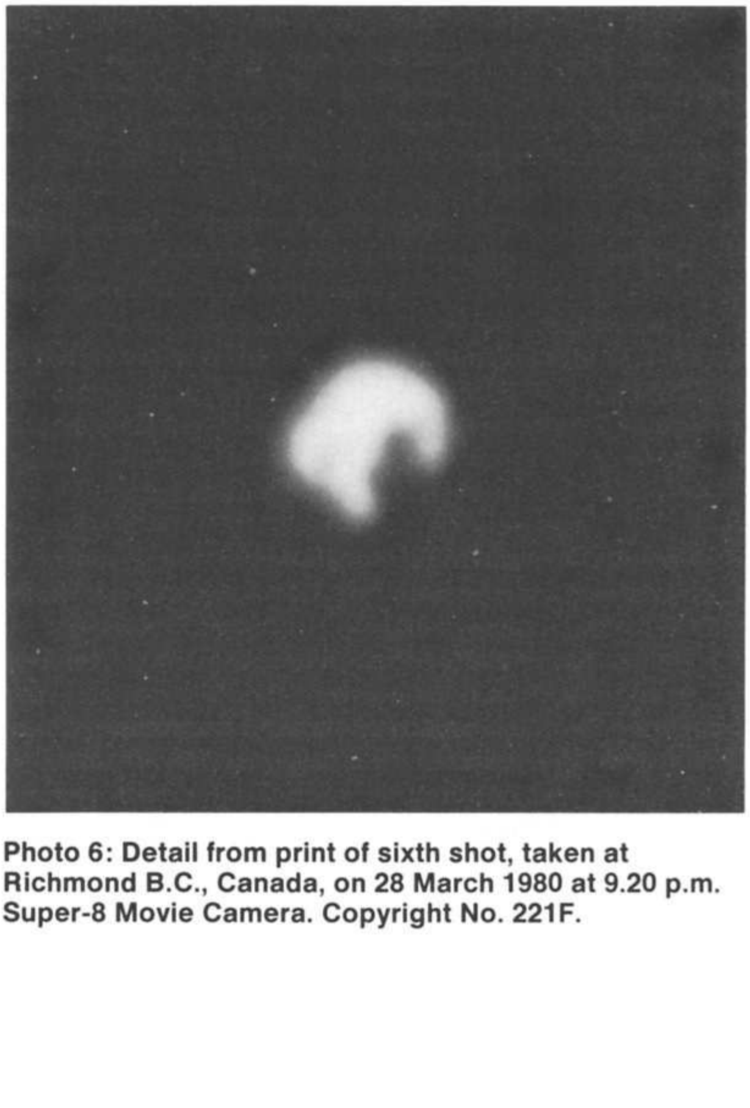


Photo 6: Detail from print of sixth shot, taken at Richmond B.C., Canada, on 28 March 1980 at 9.20 p.m. Super-8 Movie Camera. Copyright No. 221F.

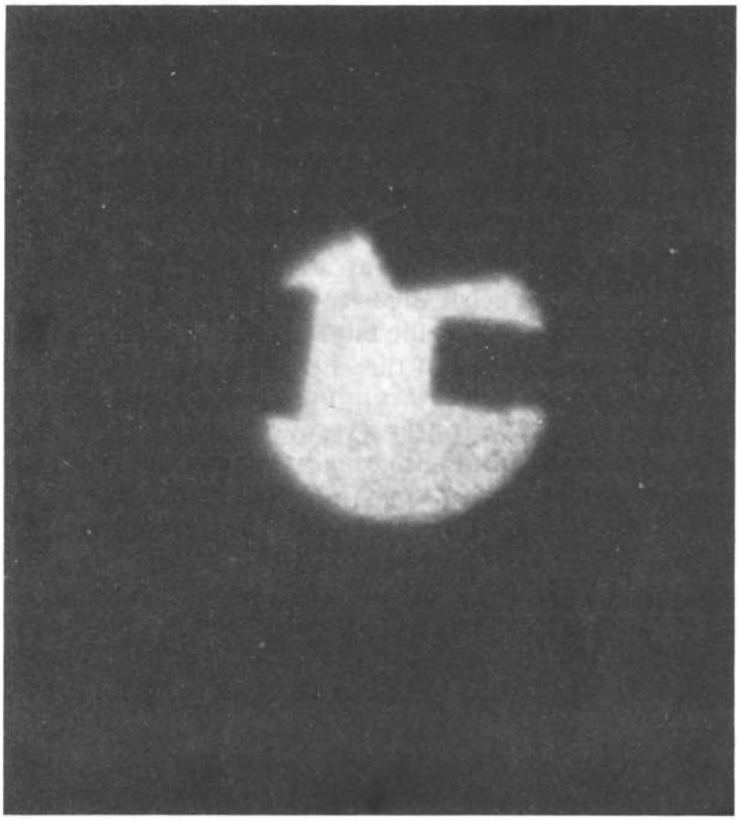


Photo 7: Richmond B.C., Canada. Taken on 28 March 1980 shortly after 9.20 p.m. Sankyo Movie Camera. Copyright No. 221.

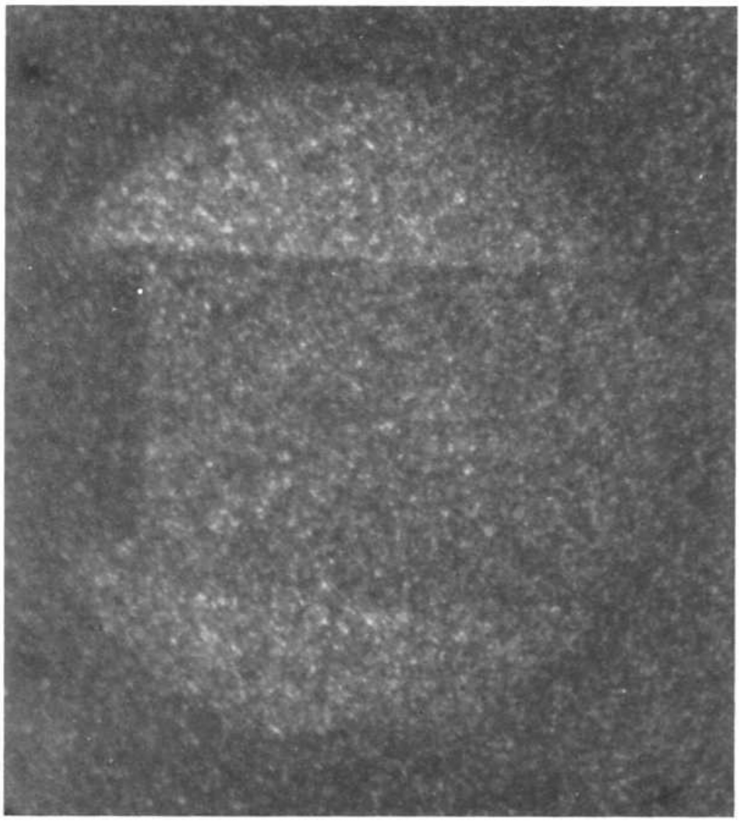


Photo 8: Richmond B.C., Canada. Taken on 28 March 1980, shortly after 9.20 p.m. Minolta Movie Camera. Copyright No. 221AA.

These additional pictures include two more photographs taken on the same day, 28 March 1980, and at about the same time as the sequence of six already presented. The difference is that they were taken on different cameras.

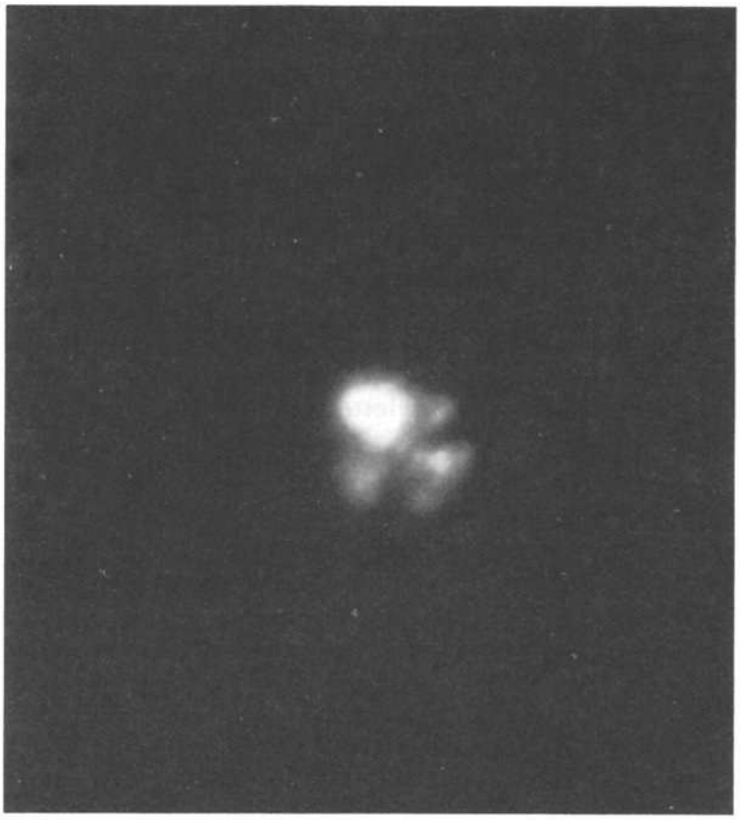
Photo 7 was taken with my Sankyo ES-44XL Movie Camera. The object had dimmed its bright light to reveal its shape. The film used was Kodak Ektachrome, Type G Super-8.

Photo 8 was taken with the Minolta XL64 f1.2 Micro Zoom Lens Movie Camera. Once again the film was Kodak Ektachrome Type G Super-8. The picture depicts the same object, but this time I had asked them [*the occupants?* — ED] to turn off their bright light. Photo 8 is the result.

Photo 9 was taken with my Keystone Movie Camera XL200 f1.1 Zoom lens Electric Eye, on the same type of film, and the shot is one of many different angles of the same object, one week later, on 4 April 1980.

I have taken many thousands of feet of colour film since 1975, and further filming tends to lead to duplication.

In my youth I experienced vivid dreams; some of them of the "classic" saucer-shaped vehicles. In 1952, when my husband and I were living in Hong Kong we saw, fleetingly, a gold-coloured object in the sky. The next night servants on the roof saw the same, or a similar, object.



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ARE THE UFONAUTS FOWL PLOTTERS?

Nigel Watson

MOST ufologists are familiar with the bizarre elements contained in stories of encounters with ufonauts. Often the behaviour of these entities is so peculiar that the sanity of the witness, or witnesses, has to be seriously considered. A case with these qualities was recounted by Jorge J. Martín in his article "The Chicken Poachers On Puerto Rico," published in FSR Vol. 27, No. 1. One of the two young witnesses reported the activities of 5 entities who were outside their home in the early hours of the morning. She told Martín that: "They certainly seemed to be looking for something out there in the patio, and they were moving the zinc sheets about. They seemed to be very interested in the chickens too, for most of the time they kept shaking the pens and at times they peered closely and fixedly at the chickens. It was something to do with the chickens, that's for sure!"

If we go along with the extraterrestrial hypothesis, we might contend that these beings were conducting some kind of scientific survey, and that one of their objectives was to examine the state of chickens on Earth. Or we might even speculate that they were part of an intergalactic catering corps devoted to discovering new culinary delights to offer to the hordes of their fellow spacemen who are waiting to invade Earth.

This dotty example of entity behaviour can be compared to an incident which occurred during the British 1909 phantom airship wave. At the height of the airship observations many sober British citizens reported circumstantial incidents which indicated that enemy agents had infiltrated the country bent on sinister survey missions. Most of these accounts are included in my article "Airships and Invaders; Background to a Social Panic" in *Magonia* No. 3. However, the weirdest story came from a person in Waltham, Lincolnshire, who in a letter to the *Grimsby News* signed himself "Patriot."

Patriot informed the readers of the *Grimsby News,* in the 28th May 1909 edition, that he felt it ". . . my duty to draw your attention to an undoubted example of espionage by an emissary of a foreign power which came under my notice the other day."

As he was sleeping in a chair positioned in his garden, he was suddenly woken by a guttural voice. Opening his eyes he saw a gentleman who had a bullet-shaped head, with close cropped hair, standing near his garden paling. On further examination Patriot could see that the man was unwashed, had a weeks' growth of hair on his face, and was dressed like a common labourer. Furthermore, the man was stout and of a medium height. This wasn't a very extraordinary observation except for the fact that this person concentrated his gaze on the figure of Patriot's fine example of Buff Orpington cockerel.

It was at this point that a rather strange conversation took place. The stranger spoke English in a guttural manner, which Patriot later considered to be due to the German origin of the speaker.

"That's a nish bird, mishter," exclaimed the stranger.

In a modest manner Patriot replied: "It is a tolerably good bird."

After a long pause, during which time the stranger seemed to be deep in thought, he finally asked: "Shingk she lays a lot of eggs?"

"It's a cockerel" said Patriot, rather surprised that the man wasn't aware of the difference between a cock and a hen bird.

"She's a cock'rel, ish she?" was the silly reply.

"No. *He* is a cockerel," corrected Patriot.

"He is a cock'rel. Are all zhuzhers cock'rels?" the stranger asked.

Patriot thought the man was simple minded, but said: "Of course not. All the others are hens."

"All zhuzhers are hens," repeated the stranger under his breath, then after a period of meditation said: "They lay a lot of eggs, I shingk."

"They lay very well," boasted Patriot. "They are laying very well at present, Sjr, and I may be forgiven a little pride in the fact."

After this dialogue the stranger made a fatal mistake. As he pulled a very dirty handkerchief from his coat pocket, a piece of brightly coloured card fluttered from the pocket and landed on the ground. Before the man recovered it Patriot saw that it had been torn from a larger piece of card, and that it bore the words "Professor", "Pil", "cure" and "universal." The stranger then shuffled off in the direction of Waltham Church.

Reflecting on this incident, Patriot was forced to believe that the guttural speech of the person indicated that he was a German secret agent. In addition the word "Pil" on the card he dropped could have meant Pillau, a town in Prussia, according to Patriot. (Though it is more likely the card was nothing more than an advertisement for a patent medicine of some kind, to my way of thinking.) Hence, Patriot came to the conclusion that the man was in reality a German professor of poultry-breeding who had been employed by the German secret service. His argument was: "That the Germans intend to invade England none but a few contemptible nincompoops dispute. It is obvious that when the troops do land they will require food. Is it not therefore probable, nay certain, that an

intelligent nation like the Germans would send out men skilfully trained in the arts of deception to spy out where the best provisions lie?'

It is easy to see that Patriot interpreted his unusual encounter in a manner which went along with the predominant worries prevalent at that time. After all British citizens were "seeing" German spies in the air, and on the ground (or even worrying about whether they were burrowing underneath them!) so it was no wonder that Patriot "saw," or claimed to see, a German poultry spy. If we are to be completely level-headed about this encounter, we might surmise that if it actually took place as he described, then he merely met a gentleman of the road. Tramps, as they were popularly called, were not too infrequently seen in Britain at that time — or for many years later. Indeed in that locality at about the same time other alleged German spy incidents were explained by sceptics and the authorities as being the mistakenly perceived activities of tramps. We might even speculate that the whole encounter was merely a vivid dream, or that Patriot made up the story for propaganda purposes, or he was a soft-headed chump who liked writing long silly letters (I know I do!)

In the same way we could dismiss the Puerto Rico encounter which took place on the 3rd March 1980. Just as Patriot saw his entity as an archetypal German (bullet-headed, stout, cropped hair, guttural voice, etc) so the witness in Puerto Rico saw her entities in the light of a new predominant paradigm. Although I'm no expert on Puerto Rico, we might assume that the inhabitants of the island are aware of the UFO phenomenon, and therefore the five entities looked and behaved as if they had just stepped out of a science fiction movie. Another interesting point is the fact that in both cases no aerial phenomena was directly associated with the entities; we are left to make that assumption. A sceptic might say that the Puerto Rico encounter was another instance of a vivid dream, or a gang of drunks dressed in fancy costumes were responsible, or the witness was a weak-minded individual who saw spacemen at any suitable opportunity (we could even invoke the works of Freud at this juncture).

On the face of it these sceptical considerations seem as unlikely as the reported incidents themselves. We need a whole lot more evidence about both cases if we are to attempt to explain them in a satisfactory manner. Since we don't have such evidence it is better to state that these incidents didn't happen at all, and that the witnesses are liars who bask in the light of publicity: taking this viewpoint we need not trouble ourselves with the messy particulars of these mental aberrations. Such an attitude is supported by the philosopher David Hume (1711-1776) who argued that where an event is reported that is contrary to all our ordinary experience, it is wiser to suppose that the report is false.

If we ignore such advice we can examine these incidents from several standpoints. Granville Oldroyd, Britain's most industrious historical anomalous phenomena researcher, notes that:

"There are, as I see it, four possibilities, which are:-

1) Both reports are untrue.

2) Both reports are true but unconnected.

3) Both reports are true and are connected with each other.

4) One report is false and one report is true.

We have one chance in four of selecting the correct one: not very good odds . . ."

These four categories do not exhaust all the possibilities open to us. For example we could differentiate between objective and subjective truth, and hypothesise that:—

5) Both reports are objective and connected.

6) Both reports are objective but unconnected.

7) Both reports are subjective and connected.

Etc.

Such considerations can be seen as our witting response to these accounts. But on analysing this data we can present our unwitting response to such incidents by any conclusion we might make which isn't supported by the evidence. For instance, if we conclude that both incidents are true and connected with each other, then we must have some valid arguments to support this statement. Furthermore any extrapolations based on this evidence must also be based on valid arguments. Even if you can prove that both incidents are objectively true, it doesn't follow that extraterrestrial spacemen have taken an interest in terrestrial poultry for 71 years, or that the German people have a network of secret poultry spies which they have hidden throughout the 20th century!

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Hence an unwitting response to such accounts can be seen when they are uncritically incorporated into what are perceived as larger patterns of activity, which are more likely to be reflections of our own assumptions and bias rather than any insight into objective reality. Thus, Martín relates the Puerto Rico sighting to a UFO which took place nearby at the same time, and to reports made throughout Puerto Rico, over several years, of animal mutilations which have included hen murders of the strange kind. In his "Notes and Comments on the Puerto Rico Chicken Poachers" Gordon Creighton (in FSR Vol. 27, No. 1) goes one step further and links the Puerto Rican cases to a global plot by the UFO entities (or their controllers) who are bent on mutilating animals for some sinister reason that we can only guess at. On the same basis we can speculate that the airship waves of the pre-1947 period can be directly related to the post-1947 UFO waves, and that the same extramundane source is responsible for all of them.

The danger with this kind of approach is that we ignore the context in which the sightings are made. Since a reported UFO observation (or something we might relate to a UFO type observation) is part of a human experience, we must examine the prevailing beliefs and attitudes of the percipients and note the influences which might have a bearing on them. We might note that historical, cultural and geographical factors, amongst others, separate UFO waves and flaps (even the use of terminology like UFO wave or UFO flap is a manifestation of our ufological bias). Thus we should ask why that person, or that group of people, at that time, in that locality, "saw" and reported an incident which they felt to be unusual, and why they noted the incident which they felt to be unusual, and why they noted the incident and how they interpreted it.

Many ufologists have collected legends, folktales, and accounts of historical events which they believe relate to the contemporary UFO context. However, this kind of approach assumes that our current secular UFO hypotheses can interpret any historical indicent which bears a relationship to our current concepts of UFO visitations, without any regard to their context or to our own bias and prejudice which are part of the contemporary context. Perhaps in the light of this we ought to consider whether our UFO hypotheses have any legitimate right to be applied on a Universal basis; after all we should be sympathetic to the idea that when we are dealing with different UFO waves and flaps, they might have come about for a multitude of different reasons, have a special meaning for the percipients involved, have uniqueness in many respects, and have an inner dynamic of their own.

We only have to look at the ridiculous lengths to which Space Age interpreters have gone in order to discover the existence of space vehicles and astronauts in our ancient past. It is obvious how meaningless such observations are when based on poor research methods and gigantic leaps of the imagination. Such techniques are fine if we are attempting to produce a book which will top the best seller charts, or a work of science fiction. But if we want to make a valuable contribution to ufology and other areas of study, we must constantly question our data in a rational and sceptical manner.

This doesn't mean to say that we should not use material separated by historical, cultural and geographical factors for the purposes of comparison. In this article I have revealed a possible chicken interface between a 1909 and a 1980 case, and this could lead to further research and study of immense importance! However without an awareness of the context and background of these incidents, and the qualities which separate and unite them, we are in danger of losing sight of the matrix of complex and subtle factors we are confronted with.

At this point you might like to know what I think about the significance of this alleged chicken interface. The main argument against any relationship between the two is that each emerged from a different milieu, and can be explained in a variety of ways. But ignoring those factors, we can note the lack of any other poultry cases both in 1909 and in the post-1947 period (unless you know differently). Out of all the thousands of contemporary cases it is relatively easy to find one that will have some elements which can be compared to some elements of a historical case. As to the validity of the two cases we have found, I will chicken out on that discussion, but I hope that readers will be aware that such material cannot be viewed in black and white terms.

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Correspondence is invited from our readers, but they are asked to keep their letters short. Unless letters give the sender's fullname and address (not necessarily for publication) they cannot be considered. The Editor would like to remind correspondents that it is not always possible to acknowledge every letter personally, so he takes this opportunity of thanking all who write to him.

Mice, UFOs and a Reward!

Dear Mr. Bowen, — As your readers well know, mice have long been used as subjects in laboratory experiments. The knowledge gained from these experiments often may be used to determine the mechanism of damage in a member of the same species injured by an otherwise unknown cause. (For example, the effects of microwave radiation are especially easy to identify.)

Because of this fact, I hereby offer a reward of $50.00 for copies of each published description of mice killed or injured as the alleged result of their proximity to a UFO.

Yours sincerely,
Jan Eric Herr,
6250 Stanley Avenue,
San Diego, Calif. 92115
U.S.A.
June 21, 1982.

That "Concorde" film: unidentified object seen from a different angle

Dear Sir, — It was interesting to note how quickly that portion of the British Airways Concorde TV advert was cut when it was discovered there was an unwelcome intruder disporting itself thereon.

Experts were quick to discount this "visitor" as being a "light effect," but really did they do their homework? Perhaps their wills-not-to-believe were showing. Mine did when I first saw what I thought was a piece of paper chasing Concorde — how ridiculous!

Had these "experts" examined the rest of the Concorde footage they would have found that this "UFO" was there, following exactly the same path, on yet another piece of film taken that day, completely discounting their lens flare theory. Apparently there was more than one chase plane following the Concorde and photographing it simultaneously. But obviously, had the experts examined the film this further footage of the UFO would also have been cut; it wasn't, for on February 13th and 14th, 1982, in the British Airways World Cup advert, this further UFO footage was beautifully revealed.

I was further reminded of my casual approach to the Concorde object when I saw "Ensemble" 14 (BBC) for again there were unidentified things in the sky during the balcony scene of *L'amour et vie,* showing the possible female tenant with a sky background. There, in the first shot, was a small cloud-like object over her right shoulder. In a second shot (and a third shot) there were two objects, the first had been joined by a cigar-like object.

Of course these objects could have been other things, like aircraft, but then the objects did not move between shots. They could have been structures, balcony or street lamps etc., but then they were up in the air and both were not there all of the time. An airship is a possibility of course, but then there were two, and two airships at once seems unlikely. Or perhaps it was a studio shot with a defective background; when should one close one's mind?

Yours faithfully,
A. Calvert,
26 Well Road,
Barnet,
Herts.
February 15, 1982

Misperceptions encouraged in USSR?

Dear FSR, — I urge your investigator to exercise extreme care in the evaluation of Soviet UFO accounts (e.g.: Creighton's three-part series on Feliks Zigel'), since there appears to be some sort of deliberate deception going on.

For example, I believe that I have mustered overwhelming evidence that the great Russian UFO of June 14, 1980 (also seen over Argentina) was only the launching of the Kosmos-1188 satellite, distorted by eyewitness misperceptions and possibly by the addition of spurious fantasies. It is similar to the "jellyfish UFO" over Petrozavodsk on September 20, 1977, which has been solved to the satisfaction of leading American ufologists as the launching of Kosmos-955. Another spectacular Soviet UFO, on May 16, 1981, was caused by the launching of Meteor 2-7. All these shots came from the officially non-existent Plesetsk cosmodrome, north of Moscow. Because of secrecy requirements, it suits Soviet purposes that these events be mistakenly perceived by the population as "UFOs," and I suspect that this misperception may be deliberately encouraged.

In the same light, the great Gindilis Report" (Academy of Sciences, 1979) on UFO statistics actually is based mainly on secret Soviet space weapons tests in the 1967 FOBS program "Garbage in, garbage out."

This data may disappoint British UFO enthusiasts but it cannot be ignored.

Respectfully,
James Oberg
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May 25, 1982

New Spanish Book

Dear colleague, — We hereby advise you of the publication of our joint research book entitled *UFOs and Science* (Los OVNIS y la Ciencia), just released this month by Plaza & Janés, an important publisher from Barcelona, Spain.

The book's foreword has been contributed by Dr. Richard F. Haines, experimental psychologist at NASA's *Ames Research Center,* who wrote that "what Ballester Olmos and Guasp have done is to approach the subject of scientific Ufology systematically, carefully, critically," which basically matches with the real objectives the authors had in mind when working on this book.

We feel that, in order to place this book in its true perspective, the following thought from the book's introduction will be in order: "Ufology, in its current state, is an *embryo* of a significant, new discipline, as originally was the Alchemy, which only became Chemistry when magic and obscurantism were separated from pure

Science." This is the message of the book.
Yours sincerely,
Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos,
Miguel Guasp,
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Valencia-20,
Spain.
January 1982

Alignments

Dear Editor, — In reference to Pat Delgado's interesting article (FSR Vol. 27, No. 5), and for those who have a liking for straight lines, Mrs. Bowles' second contact and abduction took place on the A31 road near the cemetery.

This would place it on the line Cheesefoot Head/Goodworth Clatford.

Also, so far as I can ascertain the straight portion of the road at which Mrs. Bowles' first contact took place aligns with Cheesefoot Head.
Yours sincerely,
John Ledner,
50 Seymour Road,
Ringwood,
Hants.
10 June, 1982

The "nuts-and-bolts" ET idea rejected

Dear Mr. Bowen, — Nuts-and-bolters fail to realise that there is no comparison between lunar flights and interstellar/intergalactic travel. The moon is only 1¼ light-seconds away, and "nuts-and-bolts" spacecraft (such as *Apollo*) can easily cover this short distance in a few days (or even in a few hours in the future).

The nearest star, *Alpha Centaur,* however, is 4⅓ light-years distant from us, and, even at the velocity of light, which no "nuts-and-bolts" craft could attain according to Einstein's theory of relativity, a journey there and back would take nearly 9 years. And the other stars in our Milky Way galaxy are located anywhere between 6 light-years and 80,000 light-years away. Andromeda, our galaxy's bigger sister, with over 300 billion stars, is 2 million light-years away.

Quite apart from these insurmountable interstellar/intergalactic distances, one major objection to the ET hypothesis is: Why should the Sun, of all 250 billion stars in our Milky Way galaxy, be the selected target of so many ET visits? ETs trying to identify our Sun among this mind-boggling number of stars would be like our trying to find a specific grain of sand on the beach!

Another major reason why the "nuts-and-bolts" ET idea is untenable is provided by the Men-In-Black (MIB) phenomenon which is indisputably linked to the UFO phenomenon. In this connection, Miss Jenny Randles' report entitled "The Car That Disappeared" (FSR 23/3) is extremely revealing. This MIB incident does indicate the paraphysical nature of both the UFO and MIB phenomena.

The trouble with nuts-and-bolters is that they are so obsessed by a material/physical aspect of the UFO phenomenon that they blithely ignore the related paraphysical phenomena such as the MIB and the Marian apparitions.
Yours sincerely,
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Switzerland

Alien influences?

Dear Mr. Bowen, — Many CE4 cases report that the "Aliens" have their representatives living among us on Earth as schemers, influencers and persuaders.

T. Lobsang Rampa, author of 19 books has ideas on the subject. He tells us the methods they use to observe and perhaps help the world. They are: Transmigration, Reincarnation and Visitation.

Transmigration is defined as the taking over of a body by an entity, whose soul, spirit or consciousness, — call it what you will — takes over the body of a person who intends to commit suicide, or a body specially grown for the purpose of Transmigration.

Reincarnation, as most of us should know, is a spirit being reborn as a baby. Reincarnate entities very often do not remember past states of existence, as most of us do not, but have a mental tilt towards their task in life. In the case of our "Aliens" the tilt is towards influencing mankind. For an interesting account of Reincarnation of this type see *Tibet* by Thubten Jigme Norbu and Colin Turnbull. Other reincarnate entities with a special task and special knowledge are called "Avatars."

Visitation is the other technique they use and is the one with which we are most familiar. They are the close encounters of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th kinds.
Yours sincerely,
Stephen Pyrah,
76 Woodbridge Road,
Leicester.
May 27, 1982

[Readers will be interested to see Gordon Creighton's observations on the late T. Lobsang Rampa in his article "The Return of the 'Cyclopes'?" on page 3 — EDITOR]

The Integrity of Experience

Dear Sir, — Let me start by stating that I fully endorse the need to authenticate reports of sightings, if only to identify those individuals whose motive is profit or publicity or to ridicule. However, I seriously doubt that much more can be achieved. The person who sincerely believes he or she has seen a UFO, however bizarre the circumstances, whatever the lack of corroborative evidence and regardless of the alternative explanations, deserves our attention and respect — as I hope to demonstrate.

It is easy to forget that we all make gross presumptions about what is real and what is unreal, what is possible and impossible, what is true and what is false. Perhaps we should remind ourselves that we inhabit a world constructed by common consent and we interpret and judge our own and others' experiences by arbitrary conventions only. We do not know — we can but speculate.

Therefore any theories about UFOs and any assessment of encounters with them are distorted by a predetermined and habitual outlook. And this same preconditioning determines what to us is plausible or implausible. We are not, I would suggest, well qualified to judge or to explain.

I incline more and more to the view that if we are to regard the details of an encounter as important, then no less so is the individual's capacity to experience it. Your files are, above all, records of human experience and the

mushrooming of reports and sightings since World War II of this and other strange phenomena speaks to me of a quantum leap in awareness undergone by an evolving human species.

Perhaps the World Wars themselves have been sufficient trauma to precipitate such a leap. I can find no reason why many orders of existence might not interpenetrate our own and all we have lacked and may now be acquiring is the gift of sight.

Consider, for example, the experience of a tramp who finds himself staggering, drunk and sick, across Hungerford Bridge one clear night. Once he was a contented man with secure means and a loving wife and son. But he was suddenly beset by misfortune. His son was killed in a car accident and shortly after his wife died of cancer. His life in ruins he started to drink heavily and a consequent mistake at the office cost his firm a great deal of money and resulted in his dismissal. With nothing to live for, he abandoned himself to alcoholism and a miserable existence amongst the dregs of society. It's 10.30 and the Festival Hall is just emptying. People jostle past him chasing trains and buses. He looks down the Thames and there, some twenty feet above the water and clearly reflected in it, hovers a UFO bathed in a corona of light. He can feel its light upon his face. He feels embraced and supported and comforted by its soft colours. He starts to weep. For the first time he understands what it means to love and be loved, and months of misery and degradation are washed away. He is close to the most complete rest he has ever known, when a policeman rudely moves him on. "Can't you see it?" he cries. But the policeman can't. Nor can the hundreds of concert goers on their way home. All they can see is another drunk being a nuisance.

The following day the tramp finds himself with a strength and confidence and inner security to stop drinking and to start to rebuild his life. And in this he is entirely successful. The strange thing is that when he decides to report his encounter to a research organisation, nobody pays much interest. After all, he was, by his own admission, drunk, and why didn't any of the hundreds of other people out that night report something strange. But who cares if he is believed or not: his life has been renewed and for that he'll be eternally grateful regardless of how it happened.

Yours faithfully,
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Identifying Moon and Star effects

Dear Sir, — Referring to the letter in FSR, p. 27, Vol. 27, No. 5, by Jenny Randles. This business of puzzling between UFO/IFO does create some controversy. Under no circumstances would I detract from the witnesses' comments and impressions, but it should not be too difficult to obtain an on-spot investigation, check the Grid References of the observers, time, and direction of observation, to enable some potential "line-up" of sighting and track course (if any!).

From the foregoing it should be fairly reasonable for personnel at the Greenwich Observatory to *attempt* to finalise *their* assumptions. The moon can be a cause of many "trick" observations. On one occasion some of our members (DIGAP) were doing one of our many (at that time) sky-watches on the side of Winter Hill, N.W. of Bolton, Lancs. When two of our colleagues, suddenly startled, cried out at a bright light, large, which appeared to be hurling itself closer and closer, all of a sudden it resolved itself into the moon. We had been startled, no doubt of it, and the explanation we deduced was due generally to atmospheric conditions.

Fairly heavy cloud present (not forgetting our altitude at this spot was approximately 300 metres) at base level 1000/1200 ft, with secondary cloud developing from low cloud, moving up and developing from the Mersey Valley area, i.e. part of the 03.00 a.m. morning mist rising. This, with slight breeze, began to create a tunnel effect with the base cloud, that begin to break up and move with the slight breeze. The total effect with the sudden appearance of the moon's light was just as if the moon was not only pulsing i.e. due to possible refraction effect through the moist vapour varying in thickness or density, but appeared to be tearing through the sky, due to the eye being held by the cloud movement.

I had a similar incident with a sighting which involved the star Sinius. A person had 'phoned me to come "as that light we had talked about was again there, showing red, blue and green flashes." This was a cold night in December 2 or 3 years ago. When I arrived we went to where he'd observed it, a fairly open view of the southern sky, between 9.30/10.30 p.m. No doubt it was very effective; the flashes were there, and of course Sirius can appear just that little bit brighter than the average star. But the main cause was probably a "bubble" of very cold frosty atmosphere in which the observer is *in situ* and acting like a huge lens lying on the ground causing the star's apparent twinkle to be increased, and subject to refraction effects, as the light emission bonds and scintillates to the observer.

Why do the stars "twinkle" and yet the planets appear to hold a steady light?

Yours sincerely,
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June 2, 1982

World round-up

of news and comment about recent sightings

Finland

Possible abduction on Pielinen Lake

We learn from the quarterly report of *Suomen Ufotutkijat ry* (UFO Research of Finland) that, — "After a long quiet period, UFO Research of Finland now has interesting news to report. As the Finnish UFO researchers were gathering for their annual summer seminar at Kylämä, in Central Finland, something extraordinary took place on Pielinen Lake in Eastern Finland.

"It all started on July 31, 1981, at 8.40 p.m. when two 35-year-old vacationing men were sailing with their motor boat towards the town of Lieksa. They were passing the Vaaraniemi Cape which is covered by evergreen trees, when they suddenly saw a black sphere in the sky. The sphere was surrounded by one large light and several smaller ones. The large light began to approach them, and the men stopped the boat. Now a black object was separated from the group of lights, and flew to the stern of the boat. The object seemed to be enveloped by a fog, and there were two lights on it. Suddenly one of the men was "paralysed" and couldn't move his head. However, he continued to talk with his companion. Then the lights and the black object disappeared into the sky. Now the men noticed that they were not sitting at the same locations on the boat as they had been a moment before. The sky was clear and the boat was still near the Cape, despite the strong currents and the wind. The men glanced at their watches. The time was 4.10 a.m. on the following morning. They had lost 6 hours of their lives. As after effects they suffered from shaking hands, nightmares, and a disoriented sense of balance for over a week.

"After a week of after effects, they contacted the famous astronomers Juhani Kyröläinen and Pekka Teerikorpi (authors of a UFO book) at Helsinki University. Since then the astronomers have conducted extensive studies including two unsuccessful attempts to hypnotise the men. So far it is only known that the phenomenon was not a meteorite, or a Russian rocket launch. The studies are continuing in collaboration with UFO Research of Finland and new results are expected in due course.

Norway

Children's sighting near Larvik

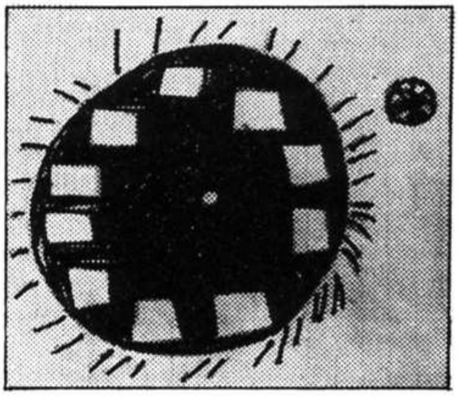
A Norwegian newspaper which, from the cutting we have received, appears to be called "VG", and dated Friday, 16 October 1981, carries an item about a UFO event. The reader who sent the item also included a translation, and we present this in précis form, —

"An unidentified over Melgeroa was observed by a group of children aged from 5 to 11 years. A girl, whose name is Linn Fydse, said they were out playing when they saw a powerful light moving in from the sea. As well as being powerful, the light was also sharply defined, and forceful: several of the young observers were thrown to the ground.

"'One of the boys was *going all white in his eyes*' said Linn.

"They watched the object for a while, and suddenly a 'trunk' dropped from it. 'Surely a trunk full of money' one of the children cried. But they were all too frightened to approach this trunk, and ran off to their homes.

"Another of the witnesses, Monica Gausdal, was asked by her father to make a sketch of what she had seen. The father then took them to the police station at Larvik (Southern Norway). The sighting was declared 'unidentified' as there was no resemblance to any known artifact."



Monica Gausdal's sketch of the object, as published in the newspaper "VG".

Credit: **Sverre Lied** of Svinndal, Norway.

Greece

1981 Round-up

We have received a most interesting letter from one reader **George Alahouzos** of Athens. He summarizes some recent events, and we hope to have fuller details of selected cases in due course. Here is an extract from his letter,—

"In your editorial, 'Hard times,' in Vol. 27, No. 2, you pointed out that sightings had petered out to a minimum. I believe this is where correspondence on a world wide basis is imperative. Continuous transmission of data to a central informative nucleus aids researchers in their efforts to comprehend the patterns which arise from time to time. I am justified in believing that many countries have their share of the phenomenon but that news of the incidents rarely gets a chance to be published within those countries, even more so outside of them. Greece is definitely one of these. It appears that the phenomenon recently decided to restrict its activities to the boundaries of this small land. A few of the sightings made during the summer months of this year were quite impressive and were definitely worth looking into. Regrettably, it seems that only a small percentage of the totality of sightings actually reached investigators. To give you some idea of our summer 'flap,' I have listed several of the more interesting cases.

"During July 1981, two large objects, apparently the size of the full moon, were observed for a lengthy period of time over the city of Corinth. Five days later an object was photographed near the town of Akrata. This series of shots turned out to be one of the most intriguing events in Greek UFO history. I shall return to this subject later. A few weeks after this incident, a red, cigar-shaped object with two under-hanging globes of the same colour, terrified a group of young men

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while fishing in open water. I must mention that the object was under observation for nearly an hour. A huge, glowing object made an unexpected visitation to a factory in Orestias, reportedly scaring the night watchmen on duty at the time.

"During this same period I received two more accounts through military sources. The first case involved a red and orange glowing object which hovered above the Eleusis Air Force base. All personnel were put on red alert, but the object finally went away quietly. I was also told that radar installations, stationed on the islands, pick up uncorrelated targets at least once a week and that they have become so common that no-one bothers looking into them.

"Things become much more complex in the following situation. I shall present a brief account of the next case, preferably avoiding details since there is no way of authenticating the incident at this point. It was mentioned by one of the people involved that he could obtain a tape of the conversation between air control and Air Force pilots, but so far this hasn't been possible. The story goes as follows: A slow moving object was picked up on Greek and American radar scopes, constantly tracked from the Turkish border as it moved inland over Greek territory. Two *Phantom* jets were soon sent up to reconnoitre the craft, but were soon recalled following a NATO order (?). The pilots were able to catch a glimpse of an illuminated, multi-finned, rocket-shaped craft before making their return. I must emphasise that the planes had gone up with orders to down the object, but these were cancelled before visual contact with the object could be made. This maintained a steady trajectory, finally stopping above what is possibly the largest radar installation in Northern Greece, which happens to be situated on the summit of a mountain near Thessalonika, and which accommodates two bases, one American and one Greek. The object, now resembling a glowing ball, lowered to a height of 30 metres from the base, ultimately interrupting communication and radar systems and creating a total power failure. The Americans purportedly photographed the object and film footage was also taken.

"After hanging around for a while and inducing a queer chilling sensation on all the personnel, the object underwent a transformation which gave it a rhomboid-shaped appearance and moved off leisurely towards the Greco-Albanian border. Two more jets were sent up and soon conveyed the message that visual contact with the craft had been made, but that they were following a normal looking airplane with conventional red, green and white lights. The object finally moved over the border and the planes were called back. All power systems at the base returned to normal following its departure from the immediate area. I prefer that this case not be used for the time being, strictly due to lack of verification.

"Many recent UFO events involve military channels and it is extremely difficult, if not impossible, to gain information. A recent example is the disappearance of two military *Phantoms*. Rumours are going round that UFOs were involved but I cannot verify these statements.

"Returning to the subject of the photographs mentioned earlier, the witnesses revealed a number of strange events preceding their encounter. The percipients were two boys in their twenties. The younger one, who happened to take the photos, had been subjected to a dream a few weeks earlier which happened to include UFOs. He had also experienced another UFO observation a year earlier while stationed in Cyprus and serving his term in the armed forces. Before going to the spot where the photos were taken, he had received an odd sensation which apparently lured him there.

"The other witness, though he possesses no recent experiences, displays a rich family history in paranormal activity which appears to stem back to his grandparents from both sides of the family. A few examples will give you some idea of the situation. While his mother was still pregnant with him she would be approached by a short, ugly, stunted "entity" on nights returning from work. She finally learned a prayer which affected the being in a way that it appeared to be sucked, as though in a vacuum, into the nearby woods apparently against its will. Its appearance was reminiscent of MIBs, though I won't go into any details here. Upon giving birth to her son, a poltergeist type event caused some degree of consternation in the family. Apparently this incident was closely related to the beliefs and customs of the mother's birthplace.

"When the witness was a child he would be overcome by convulsions and would inevitably swallow his tongue. He was taken to a church, famed for its miracles and healings, and following a certain ritual he was finally cured. Recent experiences are largely based on sensations perceived when the witness is located in specific areas. These appear to be of psychic content and the percipient usually has the feeling that something has happened there before.

"The actual UFO incident involves a disc-shaped object, moving parallel to the ground, though at some height, following a curved trajectory and finally stopping above the witnesses' heads. Two photos were taken whilst the object was still travelling and a third when the disc was hovering. In the third photo, the apparently metallic-grey object has acquired a reddish-orange hue and appears to be glowing. It must be noted that the photos were taken on a clear summer afternoon and that the red glow adds authenticity to the shots. Three circular marks become evident on the underside of the object under enlargement. The film cassette of the Kodak instamatic camera was then changed and another four shots were taken before the object disappeared vertically into the sky. These last four photos didn't turn out at all, though they appeared to have been affected in some way by something. Wavy coloured patterns have appeared on this film, although the rest of the shots, being of landscapes etc., have turned out normally.

"I believe Greece has much to offer by way of UFO and paranormal occurrences and I consider this incident to be a good introduction to these."

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